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A Christmas Candle

By VIVIAN WEEKS DUDLEY

THE odor of melting tallow filled the kitchen. Though everything seemed in readiness for molding the Church Family Candle, it was checked again, to make sure. Wicks had been lifted from the tallow (how considerate of dirt, charred bits of wick, spangles that might mar the Candle, to sink to the bottom!); the tin funnel for the top (to be molded upside down), and two tall juice cans with tops cut out smoothly, stood on the drainboard (it had been hard to find cans without dents or rings—which would prevent the Candle from slipping out when cold); the longest, straightest candle, for the center of the Great Candle, leaned stiffly in one can (its bottom inch cut off and the wick knotted through a weight); in the other can were malted milk sippers (to keep an opening for the wick through the top sections)—yes, everything was ready.

What wonderful candle-gifts had been made. How friendly and like a loving family the people had been as they left Fellowship Hall humming Christmas carols, agreeing on the beauty of the service and the significance of the candles given, calling out cheery good nights. Having a Church Family Candle at Christmas helps church people remember to "Make Christmas Christian." . . . *But how could Miss Maggie give up her red birthday candle from China?* . . . So ran my thoughts one morning the week before Christmas, as once again it was my blessed privilege to help the Church Family Candle become a reality.

For five years we have had a Church Family Candle at Christmas, each year realizing anew its influence in fusing individuals into a church family, and in bringing to community consciousness one effort to make Christmas more Christian. We think of our Candle with gratitude, though it means meticulous planning and careful work. We have found this procedure feasible: present the idea to the Commission on Education; acquaint the church constituency with the plan adopted; stimulate interest in saving meaningful candles; plan and carry out a Family Night, featuring the Candle Ceremonial; mold and decorate the Candle; light it publicly (perhaps when the Christmas offering laid at the foot of the Manger is dedicated). Our Ceremonial, taking place after a covered dish supper, has become traditional, though any group could arrange its own.

THE CEREMONIAL

Poem:[1] **"Silver in the Sun" (lines 1-4, 9, 10, 13, 14), by Grace Noll Crowell.**

Responsive Reading: **Matthew 5:14-16; 1 John 1:5, 7*a*.**

Lighting of a Symbolic Candle **(or the Great Candle from last year).**

Presentation of Individual Candles: **Each person tells the significance of his candle. (No attempt is made at classification.)**

Dedication of the Candles: **(A poem is read for each group represented.)**

Birthday Candles: **(The very young; those a little older; those who have had many birthdays)**

Wedding Candles

Candles From Services of Worship

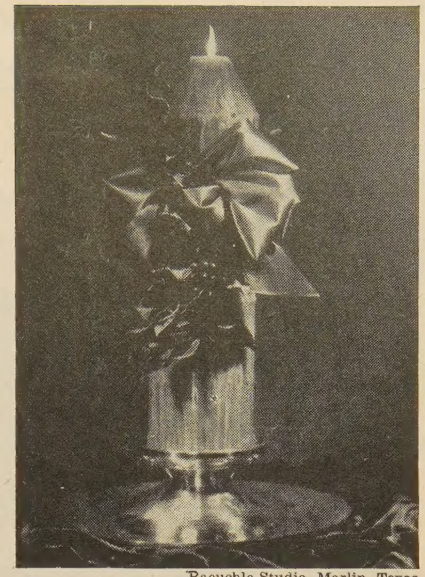
Candles From Times of Fun and Fellowship

Prayer of Dedication

Poem: **"The Beautiful Gift," by Grace Noll Crowell (A tableau is effective.)**

Benediction: **"Silent Night" (first stanza sung by entire group, with Amen spoken by the pastor).**

The names and statements of the donors are recorded: "From our wedding fifteen years ago this Christmas"; "Used when I was installed as president of the Wesleyan Service Guild"; "From our dinner table when Bob came home from Korea"; "Seven candles from a worship service in this church"; "From a happy dinner party"; "From our Sacrificial Meal"; "Used the last Christmas I taught school"; "Carried in our Christmas Processional last year"; "From our Maunday Thursday Communion"; "From our Prayer Vigil"; "My eight birthday candles"; "From my great-grandmother's ninety-fourth birthday cake"; "These candles stuck in apples were carried by Suzy and Steve as they marched around the Christmas tree"; "This candle was given me on my last birthday in China. The Chinese light a red candle for birthdays—the bigger the better."



Baeuchle Studio, Marlin, Texas

This Church Family Candle was made from bits of candles commemorating happy and eventful moments in the lives of many families

Miss Maggie's[2] Chinese birthday candle, big and red! Having come back to the very church from which she had gone out under my father's pastorate to serve for thirty-six years in China, she was now giving her birthday candle to that same church under my husband's pastorate—as she was daily giving her energetic life. "Giving up" her candle? Instead, through it she was bringing into our church family her friends behind the bamboo curtain, and the whole wide world. Blessed Miss Maggie, thank you forever! You have truly hallowed our Church Family Candle.

[1] Poems should be brief or cut.

[2] Miss Maggie J. Rogers, Marlin, Texas.

Your Gift Makes a Difference

By MRS. ALEXANDER J. SIFKOFF

Resident of an African hostel working in the food garden

AN ARMY cot in use since 1926, a new dormitory without beds, new cottages without furniture, a worn-out plot of land unable to produce—can just studying a course on Africa make a difference? The gift you gave at the conclusion of the approved study on Africa last year for "equipment for girls' homes and hostels" has remedied these situations and many others.

In the Belgian Congo, the amount allocated to one station will build a matron's house. Living quarters separated from the dormitory make the post of matron more attractive, when she knows she will have some privacy and an opportunity to rest away from her charges. Frequent changes in dormitory matrons are not helpful in assisting the girls to adjust to their new environment, so that anything which contributes to continuity in supervision and personalities is a distinct advantage to the school.

Women by age-long custom grow the food in Africa. At one station in the Belgian Congo, the girls in a new girls' home started gardens last year. Due to the poor soil and drainage, very few produced anything at all. The allocation to this station will enable them to enrich and prepare the soil in these plots. This year when the gardens are planted, the girls will have much more gratifying results, and much better and more varied food.

A missionary from Mozambique wrote of the way in which she planned to use her allocation: "As you know, we are planning to build ten new cottage dormitories here and shall need furniture for all of them. We try to keep things simple—on the plane of their living after the girls leave school. As we look about us we see in an increasing number of homes nice native hardwood dining tables and something in the way of a buffet or sideboard. If we can have these in each dormitory—a different style in each house—it will show the girls the possibilities of their own beautiful woods, working toward individuality, away from uniformity. This will make about one hundred and fifty people very happy, and as the furniture will last for many years, you can multiply that number several times. I imagine that in years to come many children of these present school girls will grow up and come to school and use these same lovely pieces of furniture."

In several stations, a system for heating water for baths, laundry, and cooking purposes is felt to be the outstanding need. At present in these homes and hostels, water is heated in a bucket over an open fire by each girl for her own use. Perhaps if the baths are not as complete or the clothes as clean as they should be now, a hot water system will improve the results and will make inspections much easier.

In Southern Rhodesia, the girls in one home have just moved into a new building. Naturally, they are proud of it, and are giving it the best of care. Recently, they begged the director for a prayer room, and the allocation to this home will provide a room where the girls can be by themselves singly, or in groups, for a "quiet time." At this same school, the study gift will provide also a sickroom for those girls who are ill, but not seriously enough to require admission to the clinic in the village. This room will enable them to be alone, in quiet and isolation, until they are able to return to the dormitory.

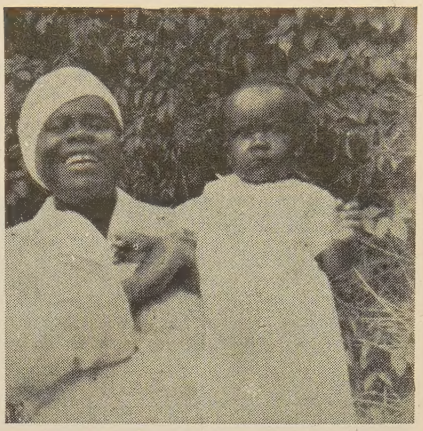
In another station in the Belgian Congo, the missionary writes: "The only space one hundred and sixteen girls have to store their garden tools, buckets, and other such equipment is not much larger than a closet, and you can appreciate that it is hardly adequate. At present if we assign a particular piece of equipment to a girl, she has a tendency to want to keep it in her room or some place where she can guard it, rather than return it to the small supply room. We shall use this

money for a supply building which will provide individually assigned storage space for each girl, and will encourage her to feel responsible for its condition. The building will also give us space for the supplies such as new mats, cups, hoes, et cetera, which are now stored in my office for lack of a better place to put them."

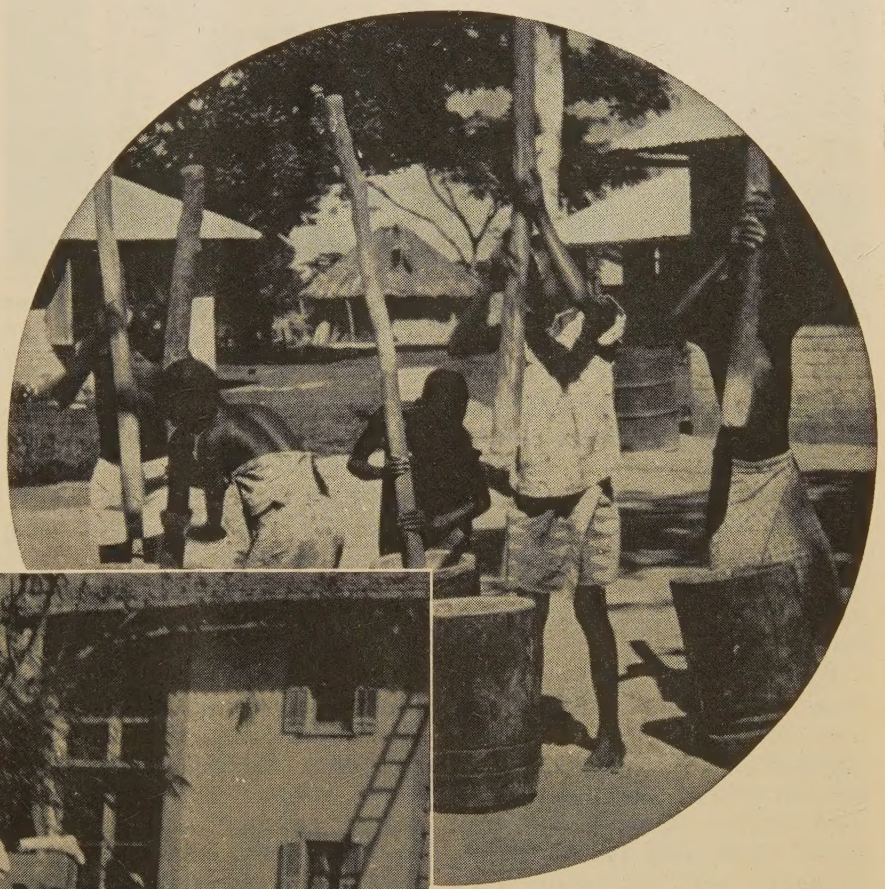
Staff members of another home will use their allocation to purchase new beds for the girls. Their present furnishings were acquired when a school at a near-by station was closed, and some of the cots are known to have been in use since 1926. Their joy in receiving this money is easily understood.

In some cases, the allocation is being applied toward the completion of a building fund, such as in the Belgian Congo where it has insured the completion of a badly needed crafts building. At a home in Southern Rhodesia, the appearance of the building is being improved by curtaining the girls' rooms, and landscaping the front and back courtyards. In a new hostel in Liberia, a piano is being purchased to enrich the life of the girls residing there. In other places, furnishings for a social room and equipment for a dispensary building at a girls' home were felt to be the most necessary.

As these reports come in from the field, it is apparent that there are tangible results of the study on Africa. It is our hope that the intangible aspects—the growth in understanding of a greatly misunderstood people and continent, the appreciation of their efforts toward spiritual and social growth will continue to increase and be upon our hearts until the whole of this great continent can be declared for Christ.



A matron in the African girls' Hostel at Umtali, Southern Rhodesia



African girls going home on a holiday from school

Pounding rice at a girls' home in Africa

On Their Own?

By ELIZABETH M. LEE

Methodist Prints

The Fellowship of Christian Service to Latin America, and Hartford Training School staff

"ALL ashore who are going ashore!" As the whistle blew the warning, farewelling friends hurried down the gangplank of the "S. S. Uruguay." Among the passengers, a merry young woman turned to her companions exclaiming, "Now we *are* on our own!"

While the pilot guided the ship away from the pier, eleven new Methodist missionaries, seven young women and four young men, stood at the rail, watching the New York skyline recede. Then they turned their faces toward Brazil, Uruguay, and Argentina. They were a part of the seventeen members of the 1953 Fellowship of Christian Service to Latin America, all of whom sailed in early September. Thirty recruits were sought for this field. Only twenty offered themselves. At Hartford for six weeks they were trained along with others who were going to Malaya, Japan, and Korea. But one of the girls for Latin America could not go for health reasons, and the draft held back two of the boys.

So, these gallant seventeen young college graduates set forth to give three years as short-term missionaries under The Methodist Church in Latin America. Of the ten young women belonging to this Fellowship, where do they come from and where have they gone?

Imogene Elswick of Huntington, West Virginia, with a B.A. from Asbury and an M.A. from Scarritt College, served as secretary of Youth Work in North-East Ohio Conference, which she really calls "home." It was during a United Nations Seminar for the Wesleyan Service Guild last winter that she felt called to go out "into all the world." She is working among the Protestant students of the University of Havana, in our University Student Center connected with the new University Church at Calle K y 25, Vedado, Havana, Cuba.

Joyce Fox's home church is Boston Avenue Methodist, Tulsa, Oklahoma, so she belongs to East Oklahoma Conference Woman's Society. With her B.A. in social sciences from Southern Methodist University, she will teach at Colegio Centenario, Santa Maria, Brazil.

Doretta Fuhs comes from a farm in Elkton, South Dakota, and claims that conference as her home base. She received her B.A. in history from St. Olaf College in Minnesota. Her appointment takes her to Colegio Isabela Hendrix, Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

Fannie Lee Howard hails from Montgomery, Alabama; has a B.A. from Huntington College, with graduate work at Emory. During a caravan in Cuba she decided to enter missionary service. Her appointment will probably be to the People's Central Institute in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where she can use her religion and art majors.

Betty Jean Lewis of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Joy Little of Denver in the same state, both are claimed by Western North Carolina Conference. Jean studied at Pfeiffer Junior College and received her degree in religion and English from High Point College. She is assisting in the girls' hostel of the Industrial School, Mexico City. Joy majored in religion and art at Greensboro College. The Methodist Institute, training school for girls in Sao Paulo, Brazil, will welcome her.

Margery Jane Miller's home is in Quincy, Illinois. Her B.A. and M.A. in Spanish are from Grinnell College and the University of Illinois. At Colegio Americano, Rosario, Argentina, Jane's Spanish "tongue" will help her quickly to take her place as a teacher.

Although Carol Platt now lives in Kansas City, Missouri, most of her life has been spent on the other side of the river and she claims Kansas Conference as her home. With two years of teaching experience after receiving her B.A. de-

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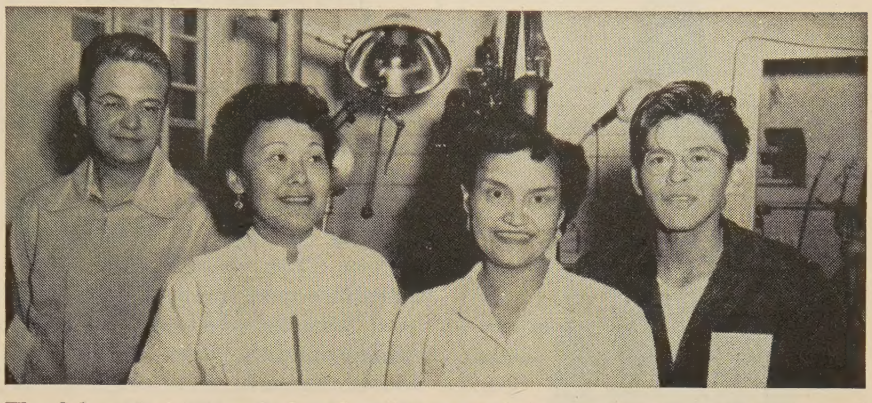
Alaska Calls

By EMMA BURRIS

"FOR a thousand miles there is not one resident doctor, nor is there a hospital in operation," reported the Rev. Fred McGinnis upon his return to his pastorate in Juneau from a visit to the Shumagin Islands along the Alaska Peninsula. He continued to tell how, when people become sick, they often die before they can be taken by a coast guard boat or a plane—weather permitting—to a hospital on the mainland of Alaska.

This was only one of a dozen necessities made known to Mrs. J. N. Rodeheaver, chairman of the Department of Work in Home Fields and this Executive Secretary on a recent visit to the "Great Country." As needs were presented for a Christian residence hall for young business women in Anchorage and a boarding home in Nome, they were accompanied by a plea for Methodist women to help in answering the call.

It is gratifying to know there are well trained and devoted staff members in Seward at Jesse Lee Home, the Seward Sanatorium, Seward General Hospital; in Nome at Lavinia Wallace Young Community Center and Maynard-MacDougall Memorial Hospital. However, as we studied the program and saw the buildings of these five institutions operated by the Woman's Division, we were made keenly aware of the necessity for strengthening the program and keeping the buildings in good repair.



The lab technician and dental assistant students in the Seward San Dental Clinic. These former patients have learned a new vocation

Seward

The three agencies in Seward (two hospitals and a children's home) cooperate with each other and with other agencies in the total health and welfare program of the Territory. A number of the children of Jesse Lee Home are there because their parents are in the sanatorium. When they are able to re-establish their homes, the children will be released. These two agencies work together in helping maintain and strengthen family life. The children of the home often take a leading part in church and community activities.

Seward Sanatorium with its vocational rehabilitation program is helping to make possible new and less hazardous vocations for patients when their tubercular condition has been arrested. It is folly to treat patients for many months and then have them return to their former vocations of fishing, mining, or longshoring which usually cause a recurrence of the disease. The patient's morale is lifted as he anticipates the new vocation for which he receives training during hospitalization. The sanatorium with 150 beds is housed in the old Army hospital of Fort Raymond. It is kept immaculately clean and orderly, and the patients receive excellent treatment and care.

For twenty-three years Seward General Hospital has served a wide area. In the early days there were few women patients; today there are many more. Over a hundred babies were born in the hospital last year. Miss Ruth Murrell, the superintendent, expresses thanks for the incubator, bassinets, linen, and cash for hospital supplies.

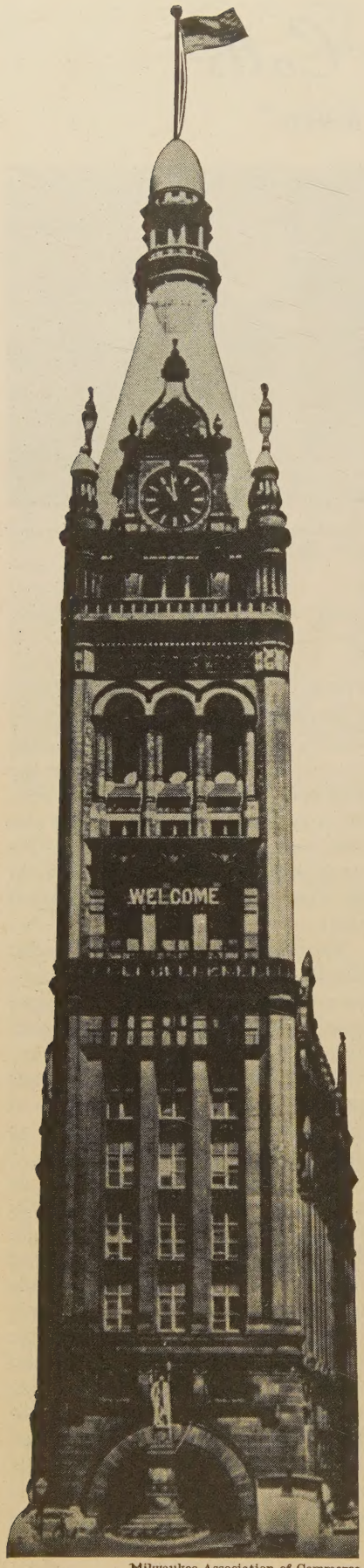
The nurses of Seward General and Seward Sanatorium are living in the new Wesleyan Service Guild Nurses's Residence and are thoroughly enjoying this comfortable home, made possible by gifts from many units of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Nome

Lavinia Wallace Young Community Center is the only church-sponsored center known to us in the Territory. The property has been improved and enlarged during the past year. This was made possible through Week of Prayer funds held for this improvement for several years.

Maynard-MacDougall Memorial Hospital has ten beds for tubercular patients and serves as a general hospital over an area covering more than 500 square miles, thus constituting a tremendously important medical center. The ministers of the Methodist churches serve as chaplains in our hospitals.

More well-trained personnel as well as more funds are urgently needed to keep the standards high. It is important that church-related institutions be of exemplary standards and not merely meet the minimum standards. The programs, personnel, and services of Christian insitutions give evidence of concern for individuals as they minister to the physical, mental, social, and spiritual needs of those in hospitals or homes. Thus each individual is helped to grow in the image of the Creator.



Milwaukee Association of Commerce

A Cordial Welcome

By MRS. LAURENCE PERKINS

THE women of Wisconsin Area extend to the women of The Methodist Church a cordial welcome to the Fourth Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, May 25-28, 1954.

Milwaukee harbor, considered the most beautiful on the Great Lakes, is often compared to the Bay of Naples. The beaches close to the downtown area, the great park system, the acres of lovely lawns and gardens, and the miles of wide tree-arched avenues have earned for Milwaukee the title, "The Vacation City." It is probably the only city in the country which has at the foot of its main thoroughfare a complete recreational center. One of the lasting impressions of the visitor is the friendliness of the people. *Gemütlichkeit,* we call it in Milwaukee.

In this metropolitan community of three-quarter-million inhabitants, the manufacture of heavy machinery leads all other industries, with the wholesale trade, insurance, and transportation forming a most important segment of the industry pattern.

When you attend the Assembly you will see, close at hand, the finest and largest vocational school in the world. The Shorewood Opportunity School for adults is the oldest institution of informal instruction in the nation. Eighty cultural and recreational courses are offered, and more adults than children attend school in Shorewood. Milwaukee ranks second in the thirteen top cities in per capita high school attendance. Several schools of higher learning also are located in Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin. Among the schools with Methodist influence is Lawrence College at Appleton where many of our young people enroll.

Old world atmosphere no longer clings to Milwaukee but the desire for culture remains. Here you find the love of music and art and the beauty of nature satisfied through "Music Under the Stars" concerts, tours through the fine Layton Art Galleries, and visits to the sunken and botanical gardens at Mitchell and Whitnall Parks.

William J. Hayes

Above: **Mrs. Lawrence Perkins, General Chairman of the 1954 Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service**

Left: **The Milwaukee City Hall**

High regard is shown for the safety, health, and physical welfare of the citizens. Three hundred churches of every denomination give evidence of the spiritual aspirations of the Milwaukee people and speak of their devotion.

To this environment we shall bid you welcome when you come as guests of the Wisconsin Area next May. From the cities, the villages and the farms, Wisconsin women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will join with you in a great experience as we come together in fellowship and Christian unity, all of us, for the great Assembly of Methodist women, that we may through its inspiration go back to our churches with increased knowledge and a concern to bring to the people all over the world, "Jesus Christ—the Way."

MISSIONARY Briefs

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Through Conversation
Through Letters
Through Programs

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF WORK IN FOREIGN AND HOME FIELDS

Christmas in Home Fields

New Mexico

At Harwood School, Albuquerque, New Mexico, the White Gift Service at Christmas is not only a tradition, it is the crowning event of the year when the girls give themselves and their money in a beautiful worship service. The money goes for a project that will be beneficial to others who are in need. Last year, the goal was one white goat for Korea in order to provide milk for the children there. But there was enough money for two white goats!

Christmas is not the only program in which the students at Harwood reach out to others. Throughout the year sacrificial suppers are held once every two weeks, the proceeds from which go for CARE packages; to those in need in our own community; and to students in foreign countries. There is a community church in San Rafael, a Catholic community seventy miles from Albuquerque, which has been started by a group of students from Harwood School known as "Christian Workers of Tomorrow."

Kentucky

At Erie School, Olive Hill Kentucky, there are many lovely Christmas celebrations. Last year the high school students gave a musical and choral vesper program on Sunday entitled, "Now Is the Prophecy Fulfilled." The elementary and primary children presented the program, "When the King Came," with narration, singing, and instrumental music. The seniors sponsored a Candlelighting Service with a significant message from "The Shepherd Who Came Back." And of course each grade and high school room has its own Christmas party, when the beautiful and useful gifts from the Woman's Societies are distributed.

Pennsylvania

At McCrum Community House, Oliver Chapel, and the Evans Manor Methodist Church, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, the month of December always highlights the year. Christmas programs, parties, special services, and the White Gift Services are always a joy. The people in these centers do not have much, but they gladly share what they have. Last year, the White Gift offerings from these three centers were given to help purchase milk for children in concentration camps in Europe.

The Christmas programs last year were unusual. Living Christmas Greeting Cards set the tone of the season. A large white envelope was made and placed on the platform and the greetings in tableaux stepped from behind the envelope. "The Carolers," " 'Twas the Night before Christmas," "The Christmas Tree," "The Nativity Scene," and others, came forth, the last being "Tiny Tim," who with great feeling said those immortal words, "God bless us everyone."

North Carolina

In the mountains of Western North Carolina, at a little rural church known as *Windom Methodist Church,* located in Yancey County, the members longed to celebrate by "putting on" a pageant. Since the majority of printed pageants are too elaborate for a one-room church and an inexperienced cast, the rural worker compiled and arranged a simple and beautiful worship experience entitled, "Unto Us a Child."

In the process of rehearsals the fact that the group was leading worship, that the congregation was being encouraged to worship Christ, and the way to do it was to show reverence in every movement was impressed on the group. Each shepherd and wise man learned how to make his brief moment of kneeling before the manger a real rite of not only acting but presenting himself. Much time was spent on costumes and properties as children like a play to look "real." One father made the manger, another the shepherds' crooks. Everyone brought what they could in the way of robes, scarves, colored bath towels, quilt linings, sheets, curtains and drapes, sandals, and costume jewelry. "Zipped-out" sheepskin coat linings made good shepherds cloaks, and plain, loose, women's coats made good robes for the junior-aged wise men. Rehearsals in costume helped to encourage the habit of reverence. A dressing room was curtained off in the rear of the church for wise men and shepherds. Mary and Joseph

Honolulu Star-Bulletin Photo
Santa Claus visits Susannah Wesley Homes in Hawaii, too

entered from behind the piano so that no makeshift curtains marred the beauty of the platform. The congregation joined in the carols they knew, and the choir and soloists introduced new Christmas hymns. The pageant was very simple—just the Christmas Story in Scripture and Song. But everyone present experienced the real meaning of Christmas.

The experiment proved that the one-room church, or a children's department of a larger Sunday school, need not despair of employing dramatic art for lack of equipment or talent. It is the hope of the rural worker that the children who did this simple pantomime will soon be ready for speaking parts in a Christmas play.

Virginia

At Bethlehem Center, Richmond, Virginia last December was a wonderful month. Many gifts came from individuals and from Woman's Societies of Christian Service. Many parties were held, but the focus of the children's attention was on the Christmas pageant which was written by some students. Each group at the center had a part in the Christmas program. The kindergarten children gave several numbers on the rhythm band, and the other children were either in the pageant or the chorus. The teenagers sang "Go Tell It on the Mountain" and served as ushers. The offering was sent to the district treasurer of the Woman's Society.

One of the little heralds said to the deaconess: "Miss Bilger, all the teachers are so happy tonight!" The deaconess replied: "Yes, Helen, we are all happy because we are celebrating the birthday of Jesus." It is the prayer of all the deaconesses that we may never let the details of an activity keep its real purpose from shining forth . . . that of sharing Jesus with others.

Alaska

At Jesse Lee Home, Seward, Alaska, Christmas is sparkling trees in every dormitory, gaily wrapped presents beneath them, excited children and mysterious housemothers. From 5:30 A.M., sleepy housemothers are dragged from bed. In no time, neatly stacked mountains of blue, green, red, and gold packages become a mass of torn paper and knotted ribbon. Dresses, skirts, dolls, bracelets, sweaters, shirts, trucks, and sleds fill every available bed, chair, and corner.

Last Christmas was a quiet one. Many of the children were invited to Anchorage to spend their Christmas holiday in various homes throughout the city. Mr. David Brown of Anchorage, working with the pastor there, engaged the support of the Anchorage Methodist Church. These generous people gladly shared their family Christmas with the Jesse Lee children. They were driven to Anchorage in the Jesse Lee Home bus but returned by train—a good move, judging by the number of gifts they brought back with them.

In the afternoon of Christmas day, the diminished family gathered around candlelit tables which had been drawn close around the brightly lighted tree. Following the turkey dinner, the rest of the day was spent playing with the new games and eating nuts and candy. As the day drew to a close, everyone gathered in the chapel to sing carols and to hear a Christmas story told by one of the housemothers.

C. P. 9, Malange
Angola, Africa

Dear Friends:

Quessua is inland from the sea, so it was about five days after my arrival that I took the motorcar to Malange. I traveled with a missionary family, so did not feel so strange. The welcome that awaited me was most royal. After a very pleasant evening, Majorie Baker, the nurse who for over a year has held the medical work together, took me home—and such a nice home it is, too. We have six nice rooms all on one floor.

The next day I went to the hospital and again a welcome awaited me. All the nurses and patients sang to me. Although it was sung in their African language, I was able to understand the feeling of the words which were so strange to my ears. They sang thanks to God for my coming, thanks to you in America for sending me, and thanks to me for coming. I pray that I may be worthy of their faith and hope. Now, every day Marjorie and I go to the hospital and a doctor from Malange comes out three times a week. The work is most challenging and interesting and fun.

Perhaps you are wondering about Quessua. The mission stretches over a large territory and within its limits are several villages. The

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land rolls gently east and ends abruptly at the base of the beautiful Quessua mountain. From the springs in the mountain, Quessua gets its water supply. The mission station near the base of the mountain runs along a mile-long road with Henda, the girls' school, at one end and the hospital unit at the other. Between are the schools, church, and residences. The hospital unit has three buildings—(1) the laboratory, store room and treatment room; (2) the two wards; and (3) the main building with waiting room, cousulting room, injection room, pharmacy, operating room and sterilization room. Fifty to sixty patients a day keep our mornings full and the afternoons are left for classes, as our African staff of ten is still receiving training.

I am thrilled to be here and I pray I may be worthy of the opportunity to serve.

Yours in His Service,

RUTH FOSTER

LATIN AMERICA

Dedication

The Allie Cobb Buyers Memorial Building at People's Central Institute, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was dedicated in August. This building was made possible by contributions from the Division of World Missions, the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and Brazilian friends of Mrs. Buyers, who gave some twenty years of service to this great social center.

Principal

Miss Alverna Koch, formerly of Lima High School, Lima, Peru, has been appointed by Bishop Barbieri as principal of Crandon Institute, Montevideo, Uruguay.

Other Appointments

Miss Mary Lou Santillan is assistant to the Rev. Manuel Flores, executive secretary of religious education in The Methodist Church of Mexico.

Miss Joyce Hill has been appointed for 1953-54 as a language student and teacher of English at Colegio Pinson, Camaguey, Cuba, a school under the Division of World Missions.

Lopez Library

On July 3, 1953, a special program was held at the Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, celebrating the formal incorporation of the Lopez Library into the library of the Seminary. These 700 volumes which recently have been acquired by this institution make up one of the finest collections of Spanish religious literature in the world. Included are a copy of the first Spanish version of the Old Testament, published by the Jews in 1533; the second Spanish version of the New Testament published in Geneva in 1569, and the first Spanish edition of Calvin's *Institute* published in London in 1597.

Relationships

Sister school relationships here and there around the world often show the eternal value of missionary work. At Crandon Institute, Montevideo, Uruguay, this year a graduate of McTyeire School in Shanghai, China, has entered the Crandon Junior College, and a graduate of our former institution in Lovetch, Bulgaria—the American Girls' School—has enrolled her little daughter in the primary school of Crandon Institute.

Crusade Scholars

Two Crusade Scholars have come from South America, both to study at Scarritt and Peabody Colleges in Nashville. Miss Olga Gomez is a teacher in Colegio Americano, Rosario, Argentina, and Miss Myriam Revel is on the faculty of Crandon Institute, Montevideo, Uruguay.

KOREA

For the first time in many years, Ewha University was able to have an anniversary celebration. On June 30, the 67th anniversary of the founding of the school and the 43rd of the college proper was held in Pusan. Dr. Helen Kim and Miss Margaret Billingsley were the main speakers. Twenty-five members of the faculty who had served for more than ten years were honored. Miss Marion Conrow was given a gold ring with the Ewha seal as a tangible evidence of her thirty-one years of service in Korea.

JAPAN

Among the Crusade Scholars coming to the United States this year are three young women from Japan. Miss Ritsuko Omura, who is interested in Religious Education, will study at Scarritt College. Miss Tomo Kokuro is on her way to Boston University for two-years study in voice culture and Miss Yasuko Mukoyama, who has been awarded a scholarship by the Association of American University Women at Brown University, will receive supplementary aid from Crusade funds.

PHILIPPINES

A summer work camp was organized by the Youth Fellowship of The Methodist Church in the Philippines on the island of Anda during the long vacation season. With money and materials contributed by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, twenty young people laid the complete floor of the Asbury High school building, laboriously gathering rocks from a quarry one-quarter of a mile away and crushing the rocks with hammers, then hauling sand from the beach. Water was supplied by a twenty foot deep well, dug by the work campers. While the construction was in progress, a clinic held forth in the school under the care of four nurses and the mission doctor from the Mary Johnston Hospital in Manila, who came up with all the necessary equipment including an X-ray unit, the first to be seen on this island.

MISSIONARY Briefs

MALAYA

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

There are in Methodist schools in Malaya 35,000 boys and girls. Many of these students are members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Robert Lundy describes the Youth Fellowship Institute recently held in Klang with 160 boys and girls present.

"We met with the theme, 'Christ the Answer,' borrowed from last December's World Conference of Christian Youth at Travancore, India. We had daily Bible study on passages from the letters of Saint Paul—passages that breathe the spirit of that theme. We did most of the things you do in institutes, camps, and assemblies. One morning watch took the form of private meditation in the out-of-doors; we had a dramatic piece, and very well done, too; we sang folk songs and played folk games; we had a stunt night and a banquet; we ended each day with prayer groups in the dormitories. As the institute closed, we all realized that God had taken the work of our hands and the prayers of our hearts and had used them to reveal to these eager young people the secret of His power and the answers that can be found in Christ.

"We do not think the future of Malaya is in peril, if Christian young people like these can assume their rightful places of leadership and service."

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTION

Looking for a Christmas remembrance that will give pleasure the whole year round, at home and in worship services? Give a record of seven "Sacred Songs," sung by Evelyn McGarrity, mezzo soprano. 33⅓ rpm long-playing. $3.00. Order from Elizabeth Marchant, Board of Missions, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.

On Their Own?

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gree from Baker University, Carol will teach junior high classes in Crandon Institute, Montevideo, Uruguay.

Emma Helen Stewart is from Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She majored in Spanish and in English at Mississippi Southern and has her M.A. in religious education from Scarritt. At Colegio Americano, Porto Alegre, Brazil, "Penny" will find her two years' teaching experience valuable.

Mary Emilia Weber was graduated from Millsaps College in her home town, Jackson, Mississippi. Since it was Mimi's desire to work with girls in a hostel, she is assisting in the student home of the primary and normal school in Puebla, Mexico.

To read the life stories of these young missionaries is to discover afresh the influence in homes, colleges, and churches that has helped to make them ready for their present calling. "I was raised in a Christian home." . . . "On the campus of Pfeiffer I met a teacher who influenced me for Christ." . . . "I have been able to share my Christian experience with others through caravaning, Methodist Student Movement work, YWCA and fellowship teams." . . . "My sense of mission had its beginning when I caravaned in Cuba. An acquaintance with simple people, whose love for the Lord was stronger than any people I'd ever known before, planted a seed of concern that I have never lost."

Until January, the Fellowship members are studying language. Those in Brazil are learning Portuguese at the language school in Campinas. In other countries, they depend upon private Spanish-speaking tutors.

Through all their years these young women have been nurtured by parents, teachers, and church friends. At Hartford they followed a stiff schedule of studies and learned to discipline themselves spiritually for their tasks in other lands. Then, when the ship's whistle blew, they suddenly felt the ties were loosening. "Now we *are* on our own!" In a way, that is true. But they are not alone! They are now a part of the world-wide Christian fellowship. Wherever they are, God is. And like the other young people who have gone into missionary service for more than a hundred years, this group is upheld by the love and prayers of those by whom they have been sent.

MALAYA

Sarikauja (Malay Custard)

For 6	*For 50*
1½ cups	12 cups grated coconut
1½ cups	12 cups cold milk
3	2 dozen eggs
1 cup	8 cups sugar

Soak grated coconut in milk for 10 to 15 minutes. Squeeze with the hand until liquid is rich and thick. Strain.

Beat eggs and sugar together until mixture is thick. Add coconut milk and beat together. Pour into a greased mold and let stand covered for 20 minutes. Place on another bowl of chopped ice and serve cold.

Recipe sent to Mrs. Paul Deats, Jr., by Miss Mabel Marsh, now retired, who lives in South Gate, California. Miss Marsh served the Methodist Girls' School of Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, for forty years. (See THE METHODIST WOMAN—December, 1950, page 11; and April, 1953, page 35.)

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

LILLIAN A. JOHNSON, *Secretary*

Christmas Around The World

"Everywhere, Everywhere, Christmas Tonight"

AT ALDERSGATE CAMP

We Willises are so busy with the full time camping program during the summer, that Christmas usually is vacation time for us. Last year we chose to stay at home and hold open house in the dining hall. The Sunday after Christmas approximately 400 people came. The party was interracial, including those pouring tea and coffee as well as attending. The fellowship was wonderful, and the decorations and music lovely. We were greatly pleased to see almost 200 people who had never been to Aldersgate before.

Before Christmas, Aldersgate was the scene of several parties for church groups. One church entertained its college youth who were home for the holidays. Fire in the big fireplace added warmth, for a beautiful snow was falling outside! New Year's Eve a church group stayed in camp overnight. They had a most inspiring watchnight service. We decided staying home for Christmas was great fun as we were invited to these parties and our open house was all that we wanted it to be.

MIKE WILLIS [1]

AT MOTHER'S MEMORIAL CENTER

Early in November the boys and girls begin making plans for the celebration of Christmas. There was a time when the planning was more "self-centered" and each one's concern was "What am I going to get for Christmas?" Now all have learned that they, too, may share their bit with someone. During November and December every boy and girl brings a can or a pound of food for the Christmas basket. On Christmas Eve it is taken, by our Bible teacher and some of the Boy Scouts, to a family or families whose needs have been made known to us by some of the agencies, or a school teacher, or the visiting nurse.

Last year one hundred two cans and pounds of food were shared with a family of six and with a handicapped man. The Week Day Bible Class boys and girls asked that money be taken from their treasury to purchase a turkey for the family. The butcher shared, too, by greatly reducing the price of the turkey.

The Woman's Society of North College Hill Church asked us to invite thirty elderly women to come to the center for an afternoon of singing, playing games, refreshments, and gifts. The young people of the same church spent the Sunday afternoon before Christmas at the center with ten little boys and ten little girls, getting acquainted and having fun. Every year, when the holiday is over, we are happy in the knowledge that Christmas time has been sharing time at Mothers' Memorial Center.

—LUCILE HOLLIDAY [2]

AT VASHTI SCHOOL

The spirit of Christmas invades the campus at Vashti School long before Father Time shuffles the month of December into place. Often invitations for Christmas programs are received early, and as soon as Thanksgiving is over—sometimes before—the Glee Club starts on music and work is begun on the annual pageant which is sometimes presented in five different churches. It has become a custom to have a "family" party during the last week of school and before the holidays begin. Sometimes the huge tree, from the school's own woods, is decorated in homey fashion with strings of popcorn and colored paper chains, with some of the smaller gifts, gaily wrapped, snuggling in the branches. The party starts off with the singing of well-loved carols. Finally comes the moment of extreme expectation, as everyone joyously sings, "Here Comes Santa Claus!"

During the vacation a number of girls remain on the campus in the closely knit holiday family. Staff members take turns staying "home" for Christmas. Much time is spent directing the girls' hearts and minds to the real meaning of Christmas and to the meaning of exchanging gifts. Vashti girls maintain a reverent spirit throughout the Holy Season. On Christmas morning, the "rising bell" is seldom necessary and everyone wakens to the sweet singing of carols by a group of older girls. A mad scramble culminates in an assembly around the Christmas tree which has suddenly acquired more gifts. Another wonderful time is had as staff and students lounge on the floor in pajamas and housecoats to enjoy this happy, homey time together and admire each other's gifts before the Christmas breakfast.

—GLADICE BOWER [3]

[1] See Wesleyan Service Guild *Handbook*, p. 65.
[2] See Wesleyan Service Guild *Handbook*, p. 67.
[3] See Wesleyan Service Guild *Handbook*, p. 69.

AT PADUCAH

The sober truth is that nothing happens in trailer courts at Christmas time in Paducah. Everyone in the trailer communities tries to go home or to relatives for the holidays. Those who cannot do so apparently do little in the way of celebrating. As in any neighborhood, some people do ask a few friends in, but these little gatherings are limited by the size of the trailer home.

In all of the Paducah Defense Area, the only court-wide Christmast party, that I have been able to discover, was held in the court where we fixed up the old shed in order to have a place for our religious activities. The people in the court helped with the labor in repairing the little building. My local Wesleyan Service Guild donated the stove to heat it. At Christmas time the women and children decorated it beautifully. It fairly glittered with tinsel icicles and streamers everywhere. The court owner furnished and decorated the tree. All the families bought and wrapped gifts for their own children. Then, on Christmas Eve, one of the men—a big, jolly, old man whom nature had endowed with the proper waistline—was Santa Claus in a red suit and white whiskers.

I am sure there would be other such celebrations if we had buildings to house them, but there are no community center buildings in any of our courts. This Christmas we shall do more because of our trailer chapel, which was made possible through your gifts.

—Lucile McMurry [4]

IN THE LOUISIANA BAYOUS

Christmas boxes from MacDonell Center to folks along the bayou are traditional. One of the rural work programs is a craft class, one purpose of which is to make a departure from the set pattern of handing out gifts indiscriminately. Cash for Supply Work was used for the initial investment in supplies and defraying expenses of teachers. As fall progressed one craft followed another. Gifts were made for personal use, orders taken for others, and on more than one occasion the small car was loaded up and I made a trip across the conference—and always sold out. . . .

The true spirit of Christmas came in a more intangible way. The class was composed of Indian women, French women, "foreign" women—women from the bayous and towns. The fellowship, as we laughed together over our feeble attempts at creative art or as we shared our potluck lunches, did more than any other single activity to create good will. We looked beyond, under, and above our surface differences and realized our mutual kinship with God and each other.

Last year the Christmas pageant faced a crisis! The community was divided by a canal; the only musical instrument was the piano at the church on the upper side; the ferry was out of commission indefinitely. But just in time, a portable organ was given to the rural worker, and on the day of its arrival it was taken to the director's home where the choir was able to continue its practice. The entire bayou area was filled with sweet music as the choir sang the carols, not only there, but in other churches during the season.

Once again came the realization that Christmas is more than a time of year, it is a way of life. Lives dedicated in service help create the Christmas spirit every day.

—Elizabeth Thompson [5]

IN MADAR, INDIA

Our activities were a part of the whole sanatorium's Christmas program which lasts over two or three weeks with staff, patients, and their families and neighbors taking part. Our little choir, with which I helped, practiced faithfully for several weeks and sang at the Christmas services on that morning as well as the Sundays before and after. This is a choir of staff members mostly. The most moving thing to me was the Christmas Eve carol singing by the choir and any of the staff free to join the group. Each of the carolers carried a candle, and part of the time a man who did not sing carried a flaring torch to light our way. The sanatorium is the cottage type and each cottage and ward had been decorated, most of them beautifully and in the main by the patients. They were eager for us to see the wards and cottages. I was most touched as we came into the men's ward where the men could not be out of bed. They were all ready and waiting for us, each with a candle in his hand, and many with rapt expressions as we walked down the ward singing in the dark with only the light of the candles.

—Lora I. Battin [6]

CHRISTMAS IN SINGAPORE

Christmas in Singapore proves that Christmas isn't a matter of temperature at all. It is so warm in this close-to-the-equator city that one wears an organdie dress and no hose with one's white shoes. Cannas, hibiscus and bougainvillaea are in full bloom.

We have Christmas trees, but not the sturdy spruce or pine of temperate zones. The casuerina tree, a tropical variety of pine, serves the purpose.

Christmas carols are in the air —sung in Chinese, or Tamil, or in English with a decidedly British accent. Because of the great distances in this city of a million people, Christmas carol singers from the churches charter a bus or truck.

The Christ Child seemed nearest of all when I went with young people of one of the churches to distribute gifts to the children in the hospital for lepers. It was a bright sunshiny day. The nurses brought the children outside under the trees—about a hundred of them. They sang to us and we sang to them. In addition to a personal gift to each child, we left ovaltine and cookies to be used for some days to come. It was cheering to hear that fifty people who had been in the hospital had been dismissed as cured within the year.

[4] See Wesleyan Service Guild *Handbook*, p. 68.
[5] See Wesleyan Service Guild *Handbook*, p. 66.
[6] See Wesleyan Service Guild *Handbook*, p. 63.

In this great, materialistic city that also holds many Christians, the "good news" of the Christmas message is so needed—

"Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice. . . . Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!"

MABEL RUTH NOWLIN [7]

CHRISTMAS IN JAPAN

At Ai Kei Gakuen each department celebrates. But grade school children and youth have to prepare two sessions, because we have no space to accommodate over 350 persons at one time. Nursery school, kindergarten, children and youth all perform the Christmas story: the star, the manger and cradle and Mary, the shepherds, the Wise Men, the animals. We never finish with less than eight celebrations, often twelve or fifteen.

The grade school children made their own original play in 1951—some children had a poor friend. This little friend's father had died. There was poverty and need. The children tried to find a way to let St. Nicholas know about this special, unfortunate friend and what to bring. But the more earnest they became the more the idea grew in their hearts, that without fail, their poor child *must be* helped. Suddenly one child bursts out: "We can be St. Nicholas!"

The idea born, the children all make their plans carefully to help the poor child with things and with happiness. In the end all the children, including the poor child whom they loved and helped, are fast friends and blessed by their experience of knowing and being St. Nicholas in celebration of Jesus' Birthday. —MILDRED ANNE PAINE [8]

CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY COLLEGE, SINGAPORE, MALAYA

Trinity College is an interdenominational theological seminary with only thirty students. They come from Anglican, Presbyterian, and Methodist churches and speak several dialects of Chinese, Tamil (Indian), and English. Both young men and women are preparing for service in the church and all are active in local churches, Sunday schools, young people's organizations, and welfare groups. Christmas at Trinity means in the college and in the larger community where students serve. Some students are very busy with preparations for plays, pageants, and children's parties. Other students help in Sunday schools which have been organized in welfare centers for underprivileged children, where the larger attendance at Christmas time gives opportunity for intensive Christian teaching as well as for holiday activities. At this season and all the year, Trinity students find work to do to relieve spiritual ignorance—which is as great among the rich as among the poor—and to change conditions which perpetuate poverty and suffering among the poor. Thus the true spirit of a Christian Christmas is spread throughout the world. —HELEN LOOMIS [9]

[7] See Wesleyan Service Guild *Handbook*, p. 62.
[8] See Wesleyan Service Guild *Handbook*, p. 61.
[9] See Wesleyan Service Guild *Handbook*, p. 64.

Program Suggestions

Submitted by MRS. EVERETT FABER, *Secretary of Western Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild*

Program Book, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," page 54.

PUBLICITY: Several days in advance (check publication dates with the papers), send an article about the meeting to the newspapers mentioning the most interesting items about the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild in that area and inviting employed women to come to hear about these special activities. Give the names of those who will participate in the program.

This article should be sent to the club editor or the church editor. Leave the upper half of the sheet blank for headlines. The first line should read, in caps, "FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE" or "RELEASE ON (date)," depending upon how long before publication the article is sent in. Triple space unless using a portable typewriter which has only double spacing.[1]

POSTER: With water colors, crayons, or colored cellophane make a stained-glass window on the left half of a sheet of poster paper. In the center of the window may be a small copy of Sallman's "Head of Christ." Around this in various panes depict the work done in schools, health clinics, welfare and community centers. On the right side of the poster may be printed:

"God's truth abideth still
His Kingdom is forever."

Under this, print the invitation—the date, time, and place. This poster should be displayed in the church at least two Sundays before the meeting.

PRESENTATION: Display good maps of the world and of Southeast Asia where they may be studied by all members.

Screen the suggestions given in the program packet, selecting those items best suited for the particular situation, planning additional items of interest, or deciding to use the program as it is with additional features. Ask the chairman of Literature and Publications to secure the suggested pamphlets in sufficient time that they may be used for reports or references.

"A Sower Went Forth to Sow" in the *Program Book* may be dramatized in such a way that it will develop into a discussion for group participation.

[1] Read "Write It Right," page 40, April issue.

CANDLE-FLAME. By Marie Hunter Dawson

In its gay, red jacket, and candle aflame, comes a small book of poems appropriately ready for that Christmas remembrance and future living! The author has caught the variety that gives spice to life in a book for all moods, even the dramatic. There is fun in bit of fancy, "My Playground," which will entertain the young and their parents even more, as will "The Screen," while the mother-heart will respond to "Mutuality" and a child's questions. The deep spirituality of the authority is revealed through "Judean Mother," "An Angel Speaks," and in "Christmas" and "Easter." Immortality is given radiance.

As one reads, enthusiasm grows and also anticipation of the climax in the next poem, with its element of surprise each time. The author has "a way with words." One closes the book, convinced that "life has loveliness to sell" as has *Candle-Flame*.

Reviewed by
Fanny Brewster Morgan

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Circles Are Alive

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Miss Dorcas Hall *(right)* in an interview with Miss Harriet Seibert, Associate Secretary, Field Cultivation, who conducted Workshops at Schools of Missions last summer on a topic of lively current interest—Circles

WHEN it was decided that one of the Workshops in the 1953 Schools of Missions should deal with circles, someone gaily suggested "Thinking in Circles" as an appropriate over-all theme. (It did not carry!) And when I met Miss Seibert after her return, she indicated that such a theme was entirely inappropriate, judging from her experience.

"The women are doing clear thinking; they were in agreement as to the function of the circle and were eager to share their experiences."

"It must have been a live topic," I observed.

"Indeed it was. We had 100 percent participation in the discussions. The appreciation of the value of the circle seems universal, so much so, in fact, that I realized what one of our field workers meant by "circle-itis." She had found that the attachment to the circle gets so deeply rooted that there is danger at times of its supplanting the greater loyalty to the Woman's Society as a whole."

"I judge you found a wide diversity both as to organization and program content," I suggested. "Yet it seems to me that there are certain basic ideas that run through the pattern; and though there are numerous exceptions, they *are* exceptions, and not the general rule."

Miss Seibert agreed. "The women are *wonderful.* Even when they brought instances where they felt the need of counsel, their attitude was generous and understanding. The aim everywhere is for the circle to deal with subject matter related in some pertinent way to the total program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Naturally, this varies in different localities: what would meet a real need in some would be purely irrelevant in another. However, I *still* can't picture a situation where the Christmas program as its main feature calls for an extended demonstration of cutting tin cans into strips and decorating the points with gumdrops. Or where as the Christmas speaker they plan to bring in a hypnotist. Nor does button collecting impress me as a worthy major Woman's Society emphasis. Nothing trivial would seem to be a good standard of judgment for the worth-whileness of program topics, when one considers the limitation of those precious program minutes."

"Have you any conviction on the value received from revolving circle membership?" I asked. "Are we being arbitrary when we point to the wording in the by-laws which makes it necessary to change every two years, and preferably every year?"

"No, not arbitrary," Miss Seibert replied without hesitation. "I have found only a very few cases where revolving has been given a reasonable trial and has failed. Most of the objection comes from those who think they see danger and difficulty in such a change, and want to conserve the best values rather than endanger them. But I have tried to encourage them to have faith in their women's ability to adapt themselves, and their open-mindedness to give a fair trial to a plan that has had enriching value when tried, in most places. A widening fellowship of acquaintances and friends, a greater sense of security and at-home-ness with all the women of the church, a sense of adventure when the drawing of names takes place, recalling the thrill of school days with promotion into a new class: these are definitely on the plus side. I like instead of quoting 'change and decay' as though they were cause and effect, to recall Tennyson's words in 'The Passing of Arthur.'

'The old order changeth, yielding place to new,
And God fulfills Himself in many ways,
Lest one good custom should corrupt the world.' "

"And if I had been salting peanuts and selling them for twenty-five years in my circle, I believe I'd welcome a change of product," I said.

We were silent for a moment, then Miss Seibert rose to go. "I've enjoyed the conversation," she said heartily. "And I'm sure we agree that if we had as lively and complete participation in all our meetings as we had in the Workshops on Circles—and wherever that magic word is mentioned—we would have no problem of attendance. No question about it — circles are alive!"

Information and Action

Dear Friends:

Once more the Christmas Season finds a world torn with conflict and fears. At this writing there is grave uncertainty as to how the issues of the Korean armistice will be resolved. The Eighth General Assembly of the United Nations is under way with a "lap full" of world-shaking problems. Fortunately for the peoples of the world *we have the United Nations with its General Assembly,* a "forum" where all nations can voice their opinions and work to resolve conflict and establish the bases of a just and enduring peace.

Methodist women, as a part of the great host of Christians around the world, must work with renewed faith and freedom from fear. This is not a time for mere "busy work," but a time when the resources of a Power greater than ourselves must be used to *spur* our groups to action on "the things that belong unto peace."

1. The next pages of this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN attempt to summarize some of the things the first session of the 83rd Congress achieved, giving special attention to those matters on which the Woman's Division has worked over the years. Why not call your committee together in December or early January and study these pages with particular concern for the legislation that will probably be of major importance to our Representatives and Senators, when they come back to Washington in January for the next session of the 83rd Congress. There may be certain issues which your committee feels are most important to bring to your Woman's Society and Guild for action. You even may find it possible to make your desires known to your Congressman or Senators while they are on "vacation" before they return to Washington. If that is not possible, then personal letters, wires, and telephone calls to them in Washington will help. "We, the peoples" of this nation are responsible for what happens in Washington!

2. January and February have been designated by the Woman's Division as a time for projecting an all-out emphasis on The Alcohol Problem. The January issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN will carry suggestions growing out of the October joint planning conference with the Board of Temperance. That issue will of necessity reach you *after* the observance of Commitment Sunday on December 6. This unavoidable delay can be made to give new impetus to the program. Keep in mind that this is a *church-wide* emphasis. Work *with* the Committe on Temperance in your local church in (a) the observance and follow-up of Commitment Sunday and (b) in the use of the study, *Alcohol and Christian Responsibility.**

1. Leaflet:	***Your United Nations Worked for Peace in 1952-53.**** **Free for postage.**
2. Packet:	***"If Thou Hadst Known."**** **Price 50 cents.**
3: Pamphlets:	***Trade* Not *Aid?* Price 10 cents. Public Affairs Institute, 312 Pennsylvania Avenue S. E., Washington, D. C. *Keeping Our Schools Free,* by H. Gordon Hullfish. Price 25 cents. Available: Public Affairs Pamphlets, 22 East 38th Street, New York, N. Y. This booklet proposes five basic safeguards to protect the teachers against unjust treatment, and indicates some of the sources of greatest danger to academic freedom.**

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4. Please note carefully the box on this page which lists materials of special interest to you.

With these two special responsibilities before us as we again celebrate the birthday of the Christ Child, we may again pray for "a love that knows no barriers, courage that cannot be shaken—faith strong enough for the darkness."

Sincerely yours,
THELMA STEVENS
MARGARET R. BENDER

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What the 83rd Congress Accomplished

AND THE JOB OF THE NEW CONGRESS

Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men—these words once again ring across the world. In the December, 1952, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN we looked at the problems that would confront the 83rd Congress, with a prayer that it would face them in the spirit of this Christmas message, which in itself provides the basic goal for the "platform" that we as Christians have promised ourselves to work for.

Now as 1953 draws toward its close, we need to remind ourselves again of the issues which over the years the Woman's Division has seen as the basic "planks" of that platform. We need to measure both the achievements of the last session of Congress and the task of the next session in the light of those basic issues.

In THE METHODIST WOMAN, September, 1952, we listed five issues of foreign policy and fourteen domestic issues as those which seemed most important. The following will indicate the action of the 1953 Congress in relation to these items on which the Woman's Division has taken action.

FOREIGN POLICY

ALL-OUT SUPPORT OF THE U.N. We urged adequate appropriations for the U.N. and its agencies, especially UNICEF.

Yearly appropriation bill for U.N. participation passed. Only presidential intervention prevented addition of "rider" which would have made our position in the U.N. difficult. UNICEF appropriation of $9,814,000 was made but incorrectly described as 1954 appropriation, so that we are still short of what had been authorized.

The Woman's Division also called for action to make the United Nations more and more the chief instrument of our foreign policy and urged the United States to refrain from unilateral actions as far as possible. The Woman's Division recommended the ratification of the Genocide Convention.

No progress noticeable here.
No action by Congress.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Cut in appropriations. Seeming emphasis on private efforts rather than public program. United States program of technical assistance to underdeveloped countries (Point Four) was cut from the President's requested sum of $140,234,500 to $118,234,500. Funds for technical assistance through the United Nations were cut from the requested $13,750,000 to $9,500,000.

IMMIGRATION POLICY—Thorough revision of the present McCarran-Walter Immigration and Naturalization Act deemed imperative. Stopgap legislation admitting some extra immigrants and improving position of visitors and students necessary immediately. (See article in THE METHODIST WOMAN, July-August 1953.)

No move toward revision of McCarran Act. Legislation was adopted admitting 214,000 refugees over period of 3 years. Not too satisfactory because token allotments to countries with heavy population pressures such as Holland, Greece, and Italy take a large proprotion of visas and do not solve problem of expellees and escapees from iron curtain countries. No action to improve methods used in admitting students and visitors.

REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS URGED.

No action.

RENEWAL OF RECIPROCAL TRADE AGREEMENTS RECOMMENDED.

Renewal for one year only with commission to study future status.

DOMESTIC LEGISLATION

ALCOHOL—Legislation to protect the family by restricting interstate advertising of liquor.

No action.

ADEQUATE STANDARD OF LIVING—equitable minimum wage standards urged.

No action.

ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME BRACKETS RECOMMENDED.

Federal housing programs terminated. Commission appointed to study needs.

INCREASING SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE URGED.

No action.

TAX DOLLAR—Objective "to develop a national tax policy which would check inflation and reduce our national debt without sacrificing our social welfare and foreign assistance program."

Congress extended excess profits tax for 6 months. Cut social welfare and foreign aid appropriations.

CIVIL RIGHTS (See THE METHODIST WOMAN, March 1953, for recommendations of the Woman's Division.)

Congress enacted no legislation protecting civil rights. Some investigations by congressional committees have placed civil liberties in jeopardy. Last minute action transferring control of Indian affairs from federal to state control may endanger civil rights of Indians.

HOME RULE FOR WASHINGTON, D. C. URGED.

No action.

MIGRANT LABOR.

No Congressional action.

STATEHOOD FOR ALASKA AND HAWAII.

No action.

HEALTH—The Woman's Division endorsed aid for training of professional health personnel, providing aid in school health services, aiding with financing of research activities, etc.

Reduced Appropriations in these fields.

PEACETIME CONSCRIPTION OPPOSED.

No action taken.

REPRESENTATIVE TO VATICAN—opposed.

No discussion of naming one.

FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION SUPPORTED.

No action taken.

ETHICAL STANDARDS IN GOVERNMENT—The Woman's Division recommended adoption of recommendations in Douglas Committee report.

No action taken.

NARCOTICS — stricter legislation advised.

No action taken.

This does not, of course, tell the full story. Among measures which fit into the kind of creative foreign policy might be listed the gift of 1,000,000 tons of wheat to Pakistan, through approval of a three year extension of the international wheat agreement.

THE TASK OF THE NEW CONGRESS LOOMS LARGE

A month from now the second session of the 83rd Congress will convene. There is increasing evidence that the prestige of the United States is decreasing abroad. The most important task that Congress will face will be that of reversing this picture. This will require great wisdom and statesmanship.

Last January, Herbert Agar, voicing "A prayer for the new President" (*The Saturday Review*, January 17, 1953), stated this problem in terms that are even more pressing now than they were a year ago. "We Americans have not recently distinguished ourselves in chivalry, patience, humility, absence of fear. On the contrary, we have permitted the suspicions and the rancor of the loyalty purges, the hounding of ideas. And we have indulged a petulant nationalism which has all but forfeited our stock of good will abroad. Bold and helpful with one hand, we have half sullied our generosity by a trivial (not a malignant) meanness with the other. We have also failed to give sufficient honor to the friends whom we have been priviledged to help. At times we have seemed to treat them like clients—the least chivalrous, the least magnanimous act.

"On Monday we talk grandly about the unity of the West, about saving the civilization to which we belong. On Tuesday we pass a McCarran Act, which is a sign of shuddering fear lest we be contaminated by the civilization to which we belong. On Wednesday we appropriate further billions so that our allies may grow strong. And on Thursday we demand higher tariffs so that our allies may grow weak. This is not foreign policy; it is schizophrenia."

This over-all strategy of making us appear in the eyes of the world as we appear to ourselves—a friendly, kindly, neighborly nation with no expansionist or aggressive tendencies—is more a matter of consistency and of sensitivity to the viewpoint of other people than anything else. Its achievement will require a Congress that can discipline itself against pursuing political advantage to the disadvantage of the national good. It will require a Congress that is willing to work very hard, so that the many complicated issues upon which it must decide are well understood. It must, too, be willing to forgo debate on minor issues and speeches that are made to an almost empty House, just because of the effect that they will have on the "people back home."

One of the greatest sources of confusion and danger lies in the last minute rush of legislation. For instance, during its last session, the House, within the space of three minutes, approved three separate important amendments to the internal revenue code. A large number of bills move through as on a conveyor belt, and become laws without sufficient investigation. A good example of this is the Indian measure referred to under the Civil Rights heading on page 18. This bill emerged from committee with important changes in its text, and there was no time for those whose interests were involved to know what was happening. An unhurried consideration of *all* legislation is something which Congress owes the nation, and the obligation will be fulfilled when citizens make their feeling on the matter sufficiently obvious to their representatives in both houses.

In the matter of legislation itself, Congress will have a particularly heavy burden if it takes action on the matters upon which the President and the Republican party have promised action. These include a revision of the Taft-Hartley Act, Statehood for Hawaii and Alaska, Revision of the McCarran Act, action on the St. Lawrence Seaway and Niagara power development, determination of farm support policy, and the increase in Social Security coverage to include clergymen and others not covered by the present legislation. Keeping such promises will be important political capital. In addition, several of these issues are extremely important for our relationship with the rest of the world.

MAKE CHRISTMAS CHRISTIAN

The church can do much through promotion, publicity, and public relations within the community to make Christmas more Christian. The following suggestions may be helpful: (a) wide use of the stamp, "Let's Put Christ in Christmas," distributed through the Board of Temperance,* with publicity and promotion through the several agencies of the church; (b) a "Christmas Council" made up of as many organizations in a community as will cooperate to accomplish such things as: suggesting the proper use of Christmas carols during the Christmas season; encouraging the enjoyment of Christmas parties without the use of alcohol; enlisting Chambers of Commerce in a cooperative enterprise with the churches in making Christmas Christian.

From the CITIZENSHIP CONVOCATION.

* Board of Temperance, 100 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington 2, D. C.

SOME OF THE CRITICAL ISSUES FOR A PEACEFUL SECURE WORLD

1. *Revision of the McCarran-Walter Act.* Elimination of the quota system which has been in effect since the twenties, and particularly the new discriminating features which the present legislation has added, such as the Asia-Pacific Triangle, will help to avoid any appearance of not believing in some of the most cherished principles of equality.

Elimination of the cumbersome machinery that has caused delay and embarrassment for visitors to the United States who are, under this Act, subject to much the same regulations applying to those coming under the quotas as prospective citizens. The President has asked for revision.

2. *Continued foreign economic aid,* particularly technical assistance through the U.N.

3. *Continued support of the United Nations* both by prompt passage of appropriations for it and its specialized agencies, and by foreign policy operating through it.

4. *A supplemental bill to provide our contribution to UNICEF* for 1954. This is a "must" because to much of the world the letters U N I C E F mean hope and good will. It is hoped that the Mutual Security office and the President will ask for this supplemental bill. The great importance of it might well be brought to their attention. For additional information write United States Committee for UNICEF, United Nations, N. Y.

5. *Legislation furthering civil rights.* To many of the world's people we represent democracy at work. Every bit of progress made in this country in advancing the cause of civil rights and liberties is heartening to these people and increases their belief both in our sincerity and in the possibilities of democracy. Amending of legislation regarding Indians referred to on page 18 is essential here. *Home Rule for Washington is also a must.*

6. *Increase of social security coverage.*

7. *Statehood for Hawaii and Alaska.*

8. *Regulation of procedures of "investigating committees" to prevent wasteful overlapping.* (In the closing hours of the past session an investigation identical with one just concluded was authorized) and to prevent jeopardizing civil liberties.

9. *Ratification of the Genocide Covenant* to prove to all the world our desire to take leadership in this field. Genocide has never occurred in the United States and it never will. Therefore, we need not be afraid to say so!

10. *Lifting of tariff barriers* both through renewal (for a substantial period of time) of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements and through direct revision of tariff laws.

11. *Legislation to prevent interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages.*

12. *Reduction of armaments* and use of some of the funds thus liberated for construction would be in line with technical assistance at home and abroad. S. Con Res. 32 introduced by Flanders and Sparkman with 32 co-sponsors on June 3, 1953, spells this out. (All measures introduced in first session of 83rd Congress retain their present numbers and need not be reintroduced at second session.)

The Effect Will Be Worth the Effort

If the 83rd Congress can do these things and do them in a spirit of neighborliness and respect for our heritage of liberty, justice and concern for all, it will be a demonstration of maturity on the part of the United States which the world will not be able to ignore.

Miss Eunice Thomson

New Staff Member

Introduced by
MRS. J. FOUNT TILLMAN,
Chairman, of the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities

A new staff member in the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities is Miss Eunice Thomson who will serve as an Assistant to the Executive Secretary. Miss Thomson comes from Georgia and brings a rich background of experience that fits her for the new responsibilities she has assumed. For the past twenty years, she has been working in the alumnae office of her alma mater, Wesleyan College, Macon Georgia, becoming director of alumnae affairs in 1947. On leave of absence, she spent the past year studying at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, receiving her M.A. degree in August 1953.

Miss Thomson's duties in the department will relate largely to office administration and research. She will not do field work assignments except for special research purposes. Her skills and experience will greatly enrich the department's program and will contribute to the effective operation of the "machinery" necessary to carry out that program.

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WORLD FRIENDSHIP BULLETIN

EDITED BY RUBY VAN HOOSER

Secretary of Children's Work

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BIBLE STORIES TOLD BY A FRIENDLY TEACHER, AND INTERESTING TIMES OF WORK AND PLAY TOGETHER, MAKE THE CHURCH A HAPPY PLACE FOR MANY SPANISH-SPEAKING BOYS AND GIRLS

FOR CHILDREN'S WORK

CHILDREN WILL TAKE PART IN STUDY OF MISSIONARY EMPHASES DURING WINTER QUARTER

SPANISH-SPEAKING AMERICANS IN U. S. A.

IN VARIOUS parts of the United States today live Spanish-speaking Americans among whom The Methodist Church is at work. From Central and South America they have come, as well as from Puerto Rico, Cuba, and Mexico, bringing with them a rich cultural inheritance. It is about these fellow-Americans and the ways in which the church is trying to share the Christian Gospel with them that many Methodist boys and girls will study during the opening weeks of the winter quarter.

During the months of January and February as they follow this one of the current missionary emphases in the sessions of the church school, both primary and junior children will learn something of the home life of Spanish-speaking boys and girls, and of the schools and churches to which they go. The children will discover that many of these new friends are members of The Methodist Church. They will learn also of the opportunities that they themselves may have for participation in the work carried on by Methodists among Spanish-speaking people in this country.

ON FRIENDSHIP SQUARE

To many among the 65,000 Mexican people who live in El Paso, Texas, and make up fifty per cent of the city's population, Friendship Square and the ministry it provides is well known and loved. Through settlement, clinic, hospital, and church it carries on a threefold service for people of different economic groups—for fathers and mothers, for older brothers and sisters, and for kindergarten and nursery children. Miss Dorothy E. Little, the superintendent of Houchen Settlement and Day Nursery, says, "All of us work well together for one purpose. We want to help people know Christ and learn to live in His way of love, understanding, and peace."

Illustrating the spirit that may be found pervading the activities on Friendship Square is the Parents' Work Night. Miss Little writes, "Entering the door of the Day Nursery you could read a sign 'Work Shop Open.' Yes, this Friday was Nursery Parents' Night. The parents decided to meet this Friday and work on the nursery rooms. There was painting to be done, cots to be varnished, windows to be fixed, baby beds to be painted. Yes, there was plenty of work to be done.

"It was very interesting to see parents come in. Each of them had already worked for eight hours. Some came in work clothes, carrying work tools; others came in with saws. Some had just finished work and had come as they were dressed. There was Mr. A. He works at a dairy and delivers milk; his wife teaches school. Mrs. C. and Mrs. D. wer busy painting lockers; they both do housework. M F. was fixing the windows; he works at the post offic Mrs. M. was painting a baby bed; she is a schoo teacher. Mr. M. was busy in the kitchen fixing ou doors and windows; he is an engineer.

"Yes," concluded Miss Little, "the room was fu of workers in a very short time. One group wa painting; others were making curtains for the nursery One would think of 'Santa's Workshop' as he looke around. As the president, Mr. H., said, 'Our childre spend more time in this nursery than at home, so w should give them the best and be interested in th work that is carried on.' "

In their study during the winter quarter of mission ary units on "Spanish-speaking Americans in th U. S. A.," primary and junior boys and girls will lear about and have some part in helping the work o many community centers as well as other missionar enterprises.

WORK AND WORSHIP AROUND THE WORLD

As Methodist children consider this emphasis equally important with that of "Spanish-speakin Americans" in the study of missionary units durin January and February, they will come to have som understanding of the ways in which their churc through its missionaries and other leaders, help Christians to work and worship in all parts of th world.

In Korea, Miss Clara Howard, a Methodist mis sionary, lived in a Korean house with a Korea family. Each evening the family gathered togethe for worship. Scripture verses, stories, children' songs and hymns, as well as any experience on wished to relate had a part in the service from tim to time. Singing had a large place in this famil worship, and soon children from the neighborin homes came to look on and then to join in. Ofte older people dropped in. Christmas came and th parents of all the children who had been attendin were invited to a Christmas service. There th missionary told the story of how Jesus came a Christmas to bless the world, and in that servic many heard the story of Jesus for the first time.

Methodist boys and girls will learn of other Chris tians working and worshiping in many lands. The may become acquainted, for example, with the chil dren in the Sunday school of the People's Centra Institute in the crowded sections of Rio de Janeiro Brazil. The boys and girls were raising money t be used toward a Christmas fund for the childre of a tiny new country church which they had visited

PLANNING FOR CHILDREN IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

CHILDREN'S LITANY

"For food, for our Father and Mother,
We thank thee, O God.
For bread, for peace, for flowers,
We thank thee, O God.
For sun, for the trees, for car and house,
We thank thee, O God.
For shade, for stars, for water, for prayer,
We thank thee, O God.
For church, for school, for Sunday school teachers,
We thank thee, O God."

Developed by a class of primary children in the Church of the Good Shepherd on Friendship Square in El Paso, Texas, with the help of their teacher, Miss Beatrice Fernandez.

MISSIONARY UNITS DURING THE WINTER QUARTER

Following the current missionary emphases, the month of January will find Methodist children entering upon an interesting program of activities. In the Sunday school sessions of the church school where the Group Graded Lessons are used, primary and junior boys and girls will engage in a study of "Spanish-speaking Americans in the U. S. A." This emphasis or the one on "Work and Worship Around the World" will also be studied at the same time by both groups in additional sessions held during January and February.

Missionary units in the Primary and Junior Closely Graded Courses will also occur during the winter quarter. Additional sessions should be planned in connection with these lessons, using one of the approved emphases. The following materials will be used:

1. *Missionary units in the Group Graded Lessons during the winter quarter:*

For Primary and Junior Children. The month of January will be given to the study of a unit on "Spanish-speaking Americans in the U. S. A." The teachers' notes may be found in *Child Guidance in Christian Living*[1] for January, 1954. The pupils' material will appear in the *Primary Class*[1] and the *Junior Quarterly*[1] for the same month.

2. *Missionary units in the Closely Graded Courses during the winter quarter:*

For Primaries: Course I, Part 2, "Homes for All." Course II, Part 2, "Many People in Our Country." Course III, Part 2, "Children Go to Church Around the World."

For Juniors: Course IV, Part 2, "The Bible Around the World." Course V, Part 2, "A Fair Chance for All." Course VI, Part 2, "The Church Around the World."

3. *Missionary units for additional sessions during the winter quarter:*

*For Primaries: At Work and Worship Around the World,** by Mattie Lula Cooper. 50 cents. Or,

*New Friends for Nena,** by Margaret Clemens McDowell. $1.25. Use with this, *A Primary Teacher's Guide on Spanish-Speaking Americans,** by Margaret Clemens McDowell. 50 cents.

*For Juniors: All the World Shall Worship Thee,** by Mary Cureton Brumley. 50 cents. Or,

*The Secret Suitcase,** by Dorothy W. Andrews and Louise B. Scott. $1.25. Use with this, *A Junior Teacher's Guide on Spanish-Speaking Americans,** by Mary Odell. 50 cents.

For Juniors meeting once a week throughout the year, the unit, "The Methodist Church at Work with Puerto Ricans in the United States," will be used. It is found in "Plans for Additional Sessions" in *Child Guidance in Christian Living,*[1] January, 1954.

SHARING WITH FRIENDS AT HOME AND OVERSEAS

During the winter quarter as well as throughout the year Methodist children will be bringing their *regular offerings* for World Service, and, when additional sessions are held, to the Children's Service Fund. Through these offerings boys and girls help support the missionary work of their church at home and around the world. In addition, children may also wish to help in some of these special ways.

For Work Among Spanish-Speaking Americans

In Christian centers in many parts of the country, in kindergartens along the border, in hospitals and clinics, in churches and homes, deaconesses and other workers are trying to meet the needs of children and to guide them in Christian living.

Send gifts of $3.00, $5.00 or more through the treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for supplies for these workers: Miss Dorothy E. Little, Houchen Settlement and Day Nursery, El Paso, Texas; Miss Pearle Edwards, Wolff Settlement, Tampa, Florida; Miss Mattie Varn, Brownsville, Texas; Mrs. Catherine Van Vlack, New York, New York—worker among Puerto Ricans; Miss Inez Martin, Wesley Community House, Houston, Texas.

For Children in the Orient, in Africa, and South America

To follow missionaries and other leaders as they work day by day in crowded cities or in rural areas to serve children in homes and schools, in hospitals and churches, is to want to help them in their work.

Send gifts of $5.00 or more through the treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for supplies for these workers: Miss Nina Stallings, San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines; Miss Mary McSwain, People's Central Institute, Rio de Janeiro,

Brazil; Miss Clara Howard, Pusan, Korea; Miss Anne Peavy, Seiwa Kindergarten, Nishinomiya, Japan; Miss Alice Whitney, R. N., Nyadiri, Southern Rhodesia.

For Needs of Children in Korea

In a mission hospital in the city of Seoul, in a Christian center in the refugee city of Pusan, and in schools and churches in other sections of Korea missionaries and other workers are trying to meet the great needs of children today.

Send gifts of $3.00, $5.00 or more through the treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for supplies for work with children in Korea for: Miss Mollie E. Townsend; Miss Mary Mitchell; Miss Thelma Maw.

Milk for Children Around the World

Children in this country may like to be the milkman and help provide milk for those who need it very much in different countries of the world.

Send gifts of money for milk for children directly to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

SHOWING FRIENDLINESS

In Ybor City, Tampa, Florida, many Spanish-speaking boys and girls find their way to the activities going on at Wolff Settlement, and to the program at San Marcos Methodist Church, a half-block away.

"The boys and girls," writes Miss Pearle Edwards, head resident of the settlement, "show friendliness toward others and an interest in their church in many ways. When the church was just completed, the primary group brought an extra offering to purchase a Bible marker. It is an attractive part of our pulpit equipment, and the children are proud to know that they have had a share in making their church beautiful. A junior group made visits one morning to neighborhood churches of other denominations. In one of these they held their morning worship service. It was a meaningful experience for them.

"Several of the groups have made visits to a neighbor who is an invalid; the primary group visited her one morning to sing for her and tell her about their study of Jesus' life as a boy. Another group went to take her a basket of fruit. During our morning worship the children themselves decide where they would like part of their offering to go. Once," concludes Miss Edwards, "it went to Cuba, to help a missionary from our own church. She is a missionary of whom all of us are very proud."

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR SECRETARIES OF CHILDREN'S WORK

Assist in planning for the missionary units in January, for the Sunday school and additional sessions.

***Read:* This issue of the *World Friendship Bulletin*. Participate in Christmas activities for children.**

IMPORTANT MATERIALS

Secretaries of Children's Work and other leaders will wish to become familiar with the following helpful manuals as they plan *additional sessions* for missionary education during the winter quarter: *Primary, At Work and Worship Around the World,** by Mattie Lula Cooper. 50 cents. *Junior, All the World Shall Worship Thee,** by Mary Cureton Brumley. 50 cents.

For the study of both current emphases, children should have a copy of the 8-page illustrated folder, "When Children Give, 1953-54." * Single copy, 15 cents each; in dozen lots, 8 cents each.

READING BOOKS—MAPS—PICTURES

Work and Worship Around the World.

*The Round Window,** by Elizabeth C. Allstrom. Primary reading book. $1.25.

*Many Hands in Many Lands,** by Alice Geer Kelsey. Junior reading book. $1.25.

Spanish-Speaking Americans in the U. S. A.

*New Friends for Nena,** by Margaret Clemens McDowell. Primary reading book. $1.25.

*The Secret Suitcase,** by Dorothy W. Andrews and Louise B. Scott. Junior reading book. $1.25.

*Maps: Picture Map of the United States,** by Janet Smalley. 50 x 38 inches. Insert sheet. 75 cents.

*Outline Map of the United States,** 34 x 22½ inches. 25 cents. Notebook size, 25 cents per dozen.

*Picture Map of the World,** by Janet Smalley. 50 x 38 inches. Insert sheet. 75 cents.

*Picture Sets in Color. Round the World Series.** Set of eight pictures with accompanying stories. $1.25 per set. Babies; Children and Their Pets; Children and Their Homes; Children and Worship.

Story Papers: Contain resources for units on "Spanish-Speaking Americans in the U. S. A." *Pictures and Stories.*[1] For Primary children, January, 1954. 20 cents a quarter, $1.00 a pear. *Trails for Juniors,*[1] January, 1954. 25 cents a quarter, $1.00 a year.

*New Picture Set: World Friends at Work and Worship.** An album of sixteen pictures. 9 x 12 inches. $1.00.

Film Strips on Work and Worship: Sunday Around the World.[1] Color. 40 frames. Script by Grace Storms. Drawings by Janet Smalley. Sale, $6.00. *Christmas Around the World.*[1] Color. Sound. Two non-breakable 78 rpm records or one 33⅓ L. P. record. Rental $2.50. Sale, $10.00.

For Leaders: Child Guidance in Christian Living,[1] January, 1954 will contain articles, information, and pictures on "Spanish-Speaking Americans in the U. S. A." 38 cents a quarter.

[1] Order from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.

* These materials may be ordered from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

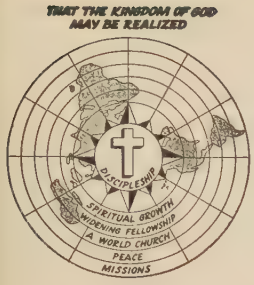

CHART AND COMPASS

ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

MISS DORCAS HALL, *Executive Secretary,*
Section of Education and Cultivation
MRS. MAUDE WHITE HARDIE, *Assistant to the Executive Secretary*

THEME AND EMPHASES 1952-1956
THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD MAY BE REALIZED
1. WE WILL SEEK TO GROW AS CHRISTIANS.
2. WE WILL SEEK TO BRING OTHERS INTO THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP . . . OF THE CHURCH AND OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD.
3. WE WILL SEEK WITH CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE THE SUSTAINING FELLOWSHIP AND POWER OF A WORLD CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
4. WE WILL USE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO WORK FOR "THE THINGS THAT BELONG UNTO PEACE."
5. WE WILL PROCLAIM THE WORLD MISSION OF THE CHURCH TO BE GOD'S PLAN FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE WORLD. TO THIS END, WE WILL WORK TO MAKE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST KNOWN TO ALL PEOPLES EVERYWHERE, TO PERSUADE THEM TO BECOME HIS DISCIPLES, AND TO FOSTER THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPANSION OF THE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
6. WE WILL ACCEPT THE PRICE OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.

"WE BREAK NEW SEAS TODAY"

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS NEW AND OLD

By MAUDE WHITE HARDIE

MUSIC: "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me," No. 269, *The Methodist Hymnal.*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

"We break new seas today—
Our eager keels quest unaccustomed waters,
And, from the vast uncharted waste in front,
The mystic circles leap
To greet our prows with mightiest possibilities,
Bringing us—What?
"Dread shoals and shifting banks?
And calms and storms?
And clouds and biting gales?
And wreck and loss?
And valiant fighting times?
And, maybe, death!—and so, the Larger Life!" [1]

"And maybe, life—life on a bounding tide,
And chance of glorious deeds;
Of help swift-borne to drowning mariners;
Of cheer to ships dis-masted in the gale;
Of succor given unasked, and joyfully;
Of mighty service to all needy souls.
"And maybe, golden days,
Full freighted with delight!
And wide free seas of unimagined bliss,
And treasure isles, and kingdoms to be won,
And undiscovered countries,
And new kin." [2]

LEADER: "Our eager keels quest unaccustomed waters . . . the mystic circles leap to greet our prows with mightiest possibilities." A new calendar year brings with it a sense of adventure. Especially we hope this may be true for those who have joined our "Adventure in Fellowship" this past year. We hope that you, new members of this Fellowship which we call the Woman's Society of Christian Service, may find it offering all the possibilities which we heard read to us, in the opening poem.

We have our own "mystic circles" (indicates the Symbol on poster, which should be displayed in a prominent place) and they truly offer "mightiest possibilities." Shall we look at them in the light of the chart and compass which come to us from our Master Pilot, Jesus Christ?

FIRST SPEAKER: You will note that every direction is indicated on our compass; there is no part of life which is not open to the direction of Christ. Spiritual Growth may take place in every situation that comes to us, if such is part of God's plan for our life. And wherever our individual course lies, the chart is of His furnishing. No two charts are exactly the same. Each one of us may say with certainty, "Jesus Christ has a plan for *my* life."

SECOND SPEAKER: "And undiscovered countries, and new kin." What an adventure in Widening Fellowship! Each of us, new and former members alike, may have two wonderful experiences this year, repeated often. Each of us can *be* a friend to some one who needs what we can offer—close by, perhaps; or perhaps never even seen by us. And it may be that thus each of us may find a friend, since widening fellowship is a two-way process.

THIRD SPEAKER: A World Church begins for each of us with our own church. To the African it begins with the church in Africa. To the Japanese, with the church in Japan. To those of us in the United States with the church where we have our membership. Yet all are one—Jesus Christ is indivisible and His Church is universal. It has had to face "dread shoals and shifting banks" but "wide free seas" are the ideal ever before it. Let us pray for the Church:

PRAYER: For the Church, page 515, *The Methodist Hymnal.*

MUSIC: (*Solo, softly sung as audience continues in attitude of prayer*) Verse 2, "We thank Thee that Thy Church unsleeping. . . ." (And if desired, verse 3), No. 54, *The Methodist Hymnal.*

FOURTH SPEAKER: Peace is not an absence of storm. It is an overcoming of storm—"O Will of God beneath our life, the sea beneath the wave" (No. 78, *The Methodist Hymnal*). In this Adventure in Fellowship our course will be charted, not often through still waters, of which there are few these days, but toward lands where people are hungry and cold—

[1] From *The Selected Poems of John Oxenham*—edited by Charles Wallis—copyrighted in 1948 by Erica Oxenham. Used by permission of Harper and Brothers.
[2] Authorship unknown.

and homeless and bewildered—and resentful. Truly "The peoples hunger for Thee, Lord,

The isles are waiting for Thy word" (No. 480, *The Methodist Hymnal*)

and for the Way of Life, spiritual and physical, which we believe Jesus meant when He spoke of having life abundantly.

PRAYER:

"O God of love, whose spirit wakes
In every human breast,
Whom love, and love alone can know,
In whom all hearts find rest:
Help us to spread Thy gracious reign
Till greed and hate shall cease,
And kindness dwell in human hearts,
And all the earth find peace!" [1]

(Henry H. Tweedy, No. 476, *The Methodist Hymnal,* verse 2.)

FIFTH SPEAKER: We welcome all members to a "chance of glorious deeds" in the long line of endless splendor which is the missionary enterprise of the Church. There are twenty-eight countries where we have a spiritual investment, each of us members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Conditions in all of these are constantly changing—life today is never static. The "mystic circle" which we call Missions must indeed leap, to keep pace with the demands of each new day.

SIXTH SPEAKER: In many ports the last landmark as the seaman takes off, and the first that he sees on his return, is the cross on the spire of the local church. Our chart and compass come from Him whose Cross we bear at the center of life, giving meaning and purpose to it all.

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Widening Fellowship

W—Win every woman of our church,
I—inspire them with the needs,
D—desire their varied talents,
E—enlist their time and deeds.
N—New avenues of service
I—invite new kinds of skill;
N—no one should feel unwanted,
G—God calls to do His will.

F—Find those with voices gifted,
E—endearing songs to sing;
L—look for hands unwearied,
L—loving help to bring.
O—Only by our visitation,
W—winning those who do not care,
S—shall we widen our horizon;
H—hearts and minds must we prepare.
I—It is time to reap the harvest;
P—pray and work to do your share!

(Mrs. Frank Little, secretary of Spiritual Life, Western North Carolina Conference)

Let us ask ourselves—new members and older ones—

Is *my* life helping to hold the cross uppermost, above my church? (*Moments of silent prayer*)

Is my discipleship an honest commitment to what I believe the Cross of Christ stands for? (*Moments of silent prayer*)

MUSIC: (*Sung softly in unison as a closing prayer*) Verse 1, "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me," No. 269, *The Methodist Hymnal.*

This program is suggested for use at the RECOGNITION DAY in local Societies, to be held preferably during the third quarter (January-March). This Recognition Day was recommended as part of the planning by the Committee on Program of the local Woman's Society, either as a special day or in the regular program, in which a résumé of the accomplishments and a presentation of the future plans to attain the Goals would form the program.

Widening Fellowship

THROUGH JURISDICTION LEADERSHIP

Patton

Executive Committee of the Northeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service taken at the School of Missions, Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland, on June 16, 1953.

Seated (*reading from left to right*): Mrs. Robert G. Stewart, secretary of Literature and Publications; Mrs. Ira S. Pimm, member of Woman's Division; Mrs. Carl B. Searing, vice-president; Mrs. Wallace N. Streeter, president; Mrs. Arthur H. MacCorkle, treasurer; Mrs. G. Albin Dahlquist, recording secretary; Mrs. L. F. Hemenway, secretary of Promotion.

Standing: Mrs. Granville Hooper, secretary of Children's Work; Mrs. Ewart E. Turner, secretary of Missionary Personnel; Mrs. Clyde LeMessurier, secretary of Foreign Work; Mrs. Edmund A. Sayer, secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities; Mrs. Frank W. Ake, secretary of Youth Work; Mrs. John A Fetzer, secretary of Student Work; Mrs. Austin Bagshaw, secretary of Spiritual Life; Mrs. Paul G. Masters, secretary of Missionary Education; Mrs. L. Gerald King, secretary of Supply Work.

The following members were absent when the picture was taken: Mrs. William T. Anderson, member of Woman's Division; Mrs. Forrest A. Goodrich, secretary of Home Work; Miss Margaret A. Peacock, secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild; Mrs. J. D. Nickey, secretary of Status of Women.

A STRANGER IS HERE

By MAJOR CHRISTINE E. McMILLAN

(It is good to know how other groups feel and act about welcoming strangers into their fellowship. The following is from the Salvation Army *WAR CRY*, July 25, 1953)

Making the stranger feel at home is not solely the duty of the corps officer, the minister or those appointed specifically for that work. The spirit of friendliness must be manifested by every church member and every Salvationist, if the stranger is to feel that here are people who practice what they preach, and that he has come to a place where he is wanted and welcomed.

How often in large gatherings we see the enthusiastic if not ecstatic greetings going on between comrades who have not seen one another for at least a month—busy tongues wag, little groups block the aisles and lobbies, glad cries of greeting resound on the air, while the stranger must struggle in, unnoticed and unwelcomed, and when he leaves he is a stranger still.

Joy Yorke, writing in the Army's international magazine for musicians, speaks of this duty to care for the stranger in the midst.

"It is pleasant to see the old folk who can come just sometimes, and occasionally faith is rewarded by the sight of an answer to prayer when an absentee is suddenly spotted in a far corner. There's happiness in seeing a sick comrade recovered enough to come to the meeting, or a child of the 'family' home for a week-end. It is better still when one spots strangers in the meeting—genuine strangers. The ones I like to see are those who come in diffidently and do not quite know where to sit and are not sure when it comes to the singing.

"Such folk are the special property of a hard-working section of our corps—the sort of behind-the-scenes folk who do not often give their testimonies or get special mention. They are usually too busy to be on hand when that sort of thing is wanted. The psalmist knew the joy in their hearts when he said, 'I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God.'

"We have quite a number of such people. There is a sister-comrade who always has a chair by the entrance, knows every child in the meeting by name, and usually has a cluster of little ones sitting around her and on her lap. There are 'stewards' who always seem to be able to find a seat for the late-comer and who will toil up into the gallery to make sure that the latest arrival has a song book. These are the folk—in every corps—who will creep out to pull a curtain because the sunlight is too bright, or who will close a window because the wind is too strong. They are always on hand to open the door to let a little child out, or a mother with a restless baby. To me, it is part of the blessing of the meeting to see these little asides.

"It is lovely to talk about the Army 'family,' but we must beware that it does not, by reason of its very strength, become a close corporation. There must never be an unwanted child in our circle nor an unwelcomed guest within our doors."

THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY'S PART IN THE UNITED EVANGELISTIC MISSION

Across the country this fall the Evangelistic Mission has been bringing into the churches new members and members hitherto inactive, now expressing themselves as ready for active participation in the church's program. The women of the church played a large part in this mission, receiving training, making visits, preparing meals, cooperating in general and local plans. A large number of women are in the in-gathering which resulted from the effort: and for these the Woman's Society of Christian Service offers a unique opportunity.

Too often perhaps we stress the enlisting of members from our position—already within the fellowship, eager to increase the ranks. Let us look at it briefly from the other end of the telescope.

The newcomer wants to find presumably *a continuing fellowship* not a spasmodic flurry of welcome that quickly fades. In monthly meetings and circle meetings she can find this, and through the process of "revolving" circle membership she can ere long generally have close association with the entire woman membership of the church.

She wants to have a part in *bringing things to pass.* The Purpose of the Woman's Society, familiar in its wording and put into action in the local church and the ever-widening community, is great enough to challenge us all. Help the newcomer to feel not overwhelmed by its immensity, but relieved and happy in the breadth and freedom of a program in which her special concerns and training and abilities may "promote the general welfare."

She wants—even if not always realizing it herself— *a spiritual climate in which to grow.* Let us provide this through a deeply and *really* religious spirit in all our meetings; through cooperative Christian living and an understanding, outgiving spirit; through literature at hand to nourish the inner life of the mind and soul and aid in strengthening the ties of the Christian family; through emphasis on the enduring values; through being, each of us, a winsome witness of Jesus' Way of Life. Let us not fail these newcomers, nor Him into whose discipleship they have expectantly come.

A PERSONAL MEDITATION FOR EPIPHANY

EPIPHANY is a more familiar term than it was a quadrennium ago. Then, it was necessary to explain that it means the day of Commemoration of the visit of the Wise Men to the Christ child, and that it is observed always on January 6. Now that is something we know, as Methodist women.

It has been associated in our Woman's Division with the bringing in of new members. We have thought of these women joining the Society, as the gift offered by those who enlisted their interest. We have stressed the part taken by the new members themselves, in bringing their gifts of prayer, service, and material means to the work of the Woman's Division through uniting in its membership.

In the course of four years, more than half a million new members have been enrolled: a long line bringing their gifts, following in the wake of the three Wise Men! A small fraction of these women brought their gifts, "departed . . . another way" apparently, and did not remain to make a lasting contact with the Woman's Society. But the majority have continued to bring their gifts—and what a wealth and variety of talent is represented! We think too of other women's groups around the world, and the gifts that those women have brought to their Lord. Their giving increases our sense of humility. . . .

We think of the gifts that we have received from life and of the gifts that we may bring: what a sense of inadequacy!

"What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man,
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him—
Give my heart." [1]

Shall we take some extra moments for personal worship, in addition to our usual practice? Let us turn to the second chapter of Matthew and read, or repeat from memory, the first twelve verses. The story does not appear anywhere else. There is no specific reference to it in Scripture anywhere else. Let us lift our hearts in a moment of silent gratitude for the recorder of one of the best loved stories in sacred literature. . . .

Now let us turn in *The Methodist Hymnal* to the Topical Index in the back, page 669, under the heading *Epiphany*. Five hymns: each in its particular way does something for us. "As With Gladness, Men of Old" (No. 90) parallels the Wise Men's experience and our own. Let us read through to ourselves this and each succeeding hymn. . . .

A vivid Epiphany poem, probably new to most of us, is Katherine Lee Bates' "The Kings of the East Are Riding" (No. 101). . . .

The intimate memory of some particular Christmas dramatization is likely to come to each of us as we enter into the mood of "We Three Kings of Orient Are" (No. 102). We see a dimly lighted church aisle and three youths, transformed by the spell of the music, the words, the beauty and significance of it all, identified for the moment with those whom they impersonate. "Guide us to Thy perfect light"—the prayer seems not too difficult of realization, in the spirit of that reconstructed scene. . . .

"Brightest and Best" (No. 119) is sufficient for a personal "pageant" in the imagination of each of us—the vivid imagery, and the declaration of utter humility that follows: "Richer by far is the heart's adoration; dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.". . .

We have saved the first-listed, and probably the best loved, to the last. "Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come" (No. 89). The hymn itself is a rich gift from two hundred years ago: words by Isaac Watts, music by Handel. We scarcely need the hymnal for this. . . . Till now, we have felt that we were reading or humming to ourselves. On this last verse, let us enter into the experience of singing together, wherever we are—

"He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders—wonders—wonders—of His love."

Let us pray together:

"Everlasting Father, the radiance of faithful souls, who didst bring the nations to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising; fill, we beseech thee, the world with thy glory, and show thyself unto all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright and morning star, Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen."
(*The Book of Worship*, page 163)

NOTE: While intended primarily for personal use by members in their homes, this service may also be used by a group. In that case, "The Methodist Hymnal" should be in the hands of each person. Sufficient time should be given for the silent reading of each of the five hymns as indicated. The music of each hymn may be softly played as background, while the silent reading takes place.

[1] Christina G. Rosetti, No. 104, *The Methodist Hymnal.*

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"As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee.

As they offered gifts most rare
At the manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King."

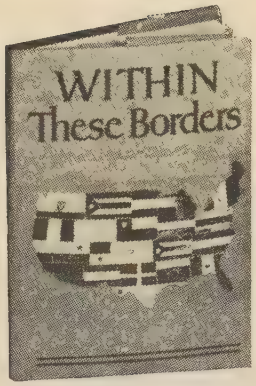
—William C. Dix

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

ELIZABETH STINSON, *Secretary*

SUGGESTIONS FOR TEACHING *SPANISH-SPEAKING AMERICANS*

By GRACE GATEWOOD[1]



MISSION study can be fun! When a leader has imagination and a class comes with open minds and a lively curiosity, real learning can take place and still every session can be an exciting, pleasant experience.

The home mission study, *Within These Borders* * by John R. Scotford, lends itself to many methods of presentation. The new *Handbook for Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service* * on pages 16-20 gives very detailed suggestions for the organization of the class and the work of the various committees.

A class could work up the play, *Beyond Good Friday* * by Edith J. Agnew. If they did not have the time for many rehearsals they could read the lines, but the play is much more effective if the lines can be spoken from memory. Another device that can be used effectively is to mark the map, *A Trip With a Mission,** showing where the Woman's Division of Christian Service has hospitals, clinics, schools, and settlement houses for Spanish-speaking Americans. Use various symbols and different colored crayons. Short reports might be given illustrating the different types of work. The material for making these various pieces of work interesting can be found in *Do You Know? Work of the Home Department* * and *Methodism and Latin Americans in the United States.**

The supplementary book, *Who?,** is full of good short illustrations of Spanish-speaking Americans who have been successful in their life and service to their own people and to the communities where they live. One very useful article from *Who?* entitled, "Why Prejudice Anyhow?" can prepare a class to face realistically the reasons for some of the prevalent race prejudices. A group of six or more women could work up a good dramatic skit from the pamphlet, "Strangers—and Neighbors" by Clarence Senior from the chapter on "myths" concerning Puerto Ricans.

An ingenious group could write their own script using the names of persons real or fictitious such as Adelpha, a Mexican woman who was a graduate of Holding Institute at Laredo, Texas; Sarita, a Cuban from the settlement house in Tampa, Florida; Rosita, who lives in East Harlem, New York City, and goes to Grace Church; Maria, a migrant. These might tell their story, and Maria's friend might give "A Migrant Mother's Prayer" found in the text.

A device to create interest before the class begins would be to follow the plan in the popular radio program, "Twenty Questions." The teacher might give the commercials as she showed the text, the *Guide,* and other supplementary materials. Four persons who already had read the text could be the panel of experts, and it would be their task to find out in twenty questions what the word or phrase was that was written on a blackboard which the panel could not see but which was seen and known by the group. This is an amusing way to interest the whole Society.

The *Adult Guide on Spanish-Speaking Americans in the U. S. A.* by Edwin F. Tewksbury * is a necessity. It offers many helpful suggestions for presenting the materials in a new and interesting way. The filmstrip, *Our Newest Neighbors,*[2] opens up questions that lead to profitable discussion. Sale price $3.00, black and white. The moving picture, *They Too Need Christ,*[2] tells the story of what happens when one enters the United States illegally and how the church is able to befriend a whole family. 40 minutes. Black and white; rental. $11.50.

Latin Americans in Texas by Pauline R. Kibbe (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1946. $3.50), is one of the good supplementary books, as it helps one to get the feeling of the problems faced by the Mexicans in Texas and illustrates what happens in most of the other states when the population is predominantly Spanish-speaking.

There are many stories and articles written in all our daily papers and leading magazines about Spanish-speaking Americans and what the various states are doing to try to integrate them into the total life of the nation. A file can be kept before and during the class sessions which will add interest and fresh information on this vital subject.

The *1953-54 Study and Action* leaflet suggests interesting ways of helping a group to understand the needs of these neighbors, so that we may work with them to meet these needs.

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[1] Miss Gatewood served for many years as a deaconess of the Woman's Division, and is now assistant to the secretary of Missionary Education.

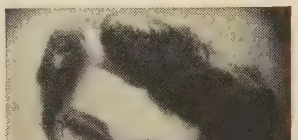
[2] Order from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.

* Order from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

Dedicated Youth Meet World Needs

By MARGUERITE TWINEM AND ALPHARETTA LEEPER

Miss Maryruth Nickels



Miss Naomi Gleason

Giving Money—The new classroom building at the Hawa Bagh Training Institute for women in Jabalpur, India, made possible by your increased giving, is like a miracle. The new hostel, dedicated in March, has over thirty of the sixty college students who are preparing to go out as Christian teachers. Only one is non-Christian.

Giving Missionary Personnel—The Training Institute rejoices over its new buildings, but how rejoice when Maryruth Nickels departed for America in October, 1952? The crowd of girls, teachers, missionaries and friends with fifty flower garlands, songs and tears left no one in doubt that Maryruth was greatly loved and appreciated and that they would miss her music and laughter, her keen insight and fellowship.

But was not a new one coming? For weeks she was only a name. But January sixth, Naomi Gleason stepped off the Calcutta mail train as it arrived from Bombay. She became a very important part of the life at the Training Institute. A trained teacher with a major in art and one year's teaching experience in Detroit, she stepped into the place left empty by Maryruth's going.

"And I, what do I do here?" writes Naomi, one of the thirty Woman's Division Fellowship of Service missionaries. "Many things. Hearts and hands eager for a means of artistic expression are mine to train. The eagerness of these young girls challenges me to give them all that I have. I teach art and art education to the nursery school students. I am also teaching music. Miss Nickels, my predecessor, was a talented musician and taught the girls to love our Christian spirituals, worship hymns, and fun songs. They have insisted that I continue the instruction she started. The most that I can say is that I will try. My 'real' classes are in English and Religious Education. And should I admit that each day I learn much more than I teach?

"I learn of great faith and dedicated lives; of young girls living in a time of crisis in their nation; of the difficulty of being a Christian when only two per cent of the nation shares your faith. Do you wonder that I think there is real value in the work I am doing?"

Our present missionary personnel reach so few among so many!

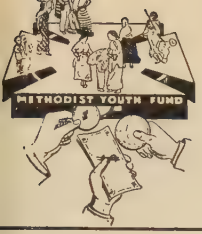
IN THE Holy stillness of the Scarritt chapel rang the words, "I consecrate you as a U.S.-2 to go forth . . . in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." Thus did the 1953 service of consecration for our U.S.-2's move to its close. It was a high moment, for now they were being sent out to make Christ real to those whom they were to serve. But they would not be alone, for had not Christ promised to be with them—and were they not joining two other such groups that had gone on before? It was this certainity that put a glow in their eyes and a song in their hearts as they separated to go to Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and to mission schools, children's homes, hospitals, community centers, and rural areas in the United States.

Indeed these U.S.-2's were not alone, for from those who have preceded them come these reassuring words: "I wish that every Methodist could know more about the experience of the U.S.-2's. I wouldn't have missed this for anything. The work here at Harwood Girl's School has its ups and downs, but there is no joy like that of loving and working with these girls, who present so many new challenges every day. Only by being very close to God can one find the help and guidance she needs." B. B.

"I really wish I could express the joy which I've experienced since becoming a U.S.-2. The time of training was most pleasant, but the work with these children has been a deep Christian experience. I am thankful for the strength which came to me last summer as a result of our continued prayer and worship together. I never before realized the need for depending upon the power and strength which can come only from God to get along in our daily tasks. It has been an experience both difficult and wonderful." J. B.

"It is very difficult for me to express just how much this time at Frances DePauw Girl's Home has meant to me. I have profited more from the work than I could possibly have imagined giving to it. I have gained a new appreciation and love for the people from Mexico that I would never have known otherwise. I have visited in their homes, learned to like and to prepare their food, and to understand many of their customs and traditions. Yes, I'm all for the U.S.-2 program, and I can assure you that I have pushed it at all opportunities." M. M. H.

Truly a challenge awaits our most recent U.S.-2's as they join the ranks of those who have found this service such a rewarding experience.



YOUTH WORK

HELEN L. JOHNSON, *Secretary*

"Snapshots"

From Projects Related to the Methodist Youth Fund

One activity suggested for the MYF in January in "Around the Calendar"[1] is to present a "snapshot" describing one place where the Methodist Youth Fund money helps in the support of the program. The following "snapshots" are from letters received from the field both at home and abroad.

At the close of her first year of service, a U.S.-2 writes from Marcy Center, Chicago: "Last year, to say the least, was different from anything I had ever known. It has been wonderful knowing and working with so many people of such different backgrounds. I have learned that people are pretty much alike whatever their backgrounds may be. The children, as they play and have fun together here, are not aware of the superficial differences which we sometimes count so important. I hope that spirit of friendliness stays with them as they get older."

A worker at the Navajo Methodist Mission School, Farmington, New Mexico, relates the following story about one of the boys who attended that school: "Our hearts are rejoicing over some news from one of our graduates who is a soldier now stationed in Alaska. After spending some time in the army there without a chaplain, he began to feel the need of doing something about it. Step by step after careful thought and prayer, he organized a Sunday school, a weekly prayer meeting, and preached on Sunday. His letter meant a lot to our students. . . . Sometimes it seems that little is accomplished but time will tell, and while we may not be advancing by leaps and bounds, it is a real revelation to know that some of the seed sown day by day is coming to fruition."

Bisti Community Center and School is one of the two outpost schools of the Navajo Methodist Mission School. The experiences of the missionaries there, as in any situation, provide moments of real joy and satisfaction as well as times of concern and disappointment. A teacher at Bisti says, "One of the heartbreaks of this job will come soon when we shall have to decide whom to recommend to send to the mission. They have not as yet had room at the main station to take all of our graduates. Naturally we feel that we would like each one of them to be able to go on, especially to the Mission School at Farmington where we feel they would get the best. It must be awfully hard on the children who cannot go, even though they know there is not room for all of them. Some of them will probably go to government schools. . . . Only two of my class in night school have had any schooling at all. Two have attended the Shepherd School at the mission. One of the older persons who wanted only to learn to write her name is still coming and is enjoying it."

This last spring seventy-two Christian schools in Japan opened their doors in nearly two hundred departments to 103,000 students. All of these schools are filled to capacity and the majority accept through entrance examinations only the number they can handle. Sixty-eight per cent of the student body is in senior high school, junior college, and college departments. The standards of these Christian schools are the same as those of the government schools, and in addition a Bible study class is given one hour per week as a part of the required curriculum.

"One of the biggest problems in Christian education in Japan is the lack of Christian teachers. At present about one half of the teaching staffs of the schools are Christians. The number of Christians on the faculty at Hiroshima Girls' School is very high. It is good to note that the Christian influence is growing in each of these schools. It is expected that the Japan International Christian University will provide additional Christian leadership for the schools of lower grade throughout the country."

A report from any of these schools would reveal growth in every respect. This is encouraging. At the same time it presents needs as stated in a letter from Hiroshima: "Our school dormitory, the very first post-war building, is getting too weak to stand much longer use. There are constant requests coming in for dormitories for both high school and college students. We believe strongly that we can accomplish a great deal through our dormitories. We need a gymnasium for physical education and for many other student activities."

A short-term missionary writes from Brazil: "By far the most interesting and inspirational activity that I have had this year is our prayer meeting. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening fifteen minutes before lights are out, the junior high evangelical girls meet in the living room for prayer and meditation. I know that if they have benefited as much as I, the time has been well spent. All of our prayers have shown development in an understanding and a consciousness of God's presence. Since my own prayer life was less mature when I arrived here than it is now, my growth in prayer has been in Portuguese. I find that even my own personal prayers are in Portuguese much of the time. One of the girls asked me the other day if I thought in English or in Portuguese. Daily, there is one new discovery after another!"

[1] See THE METHODIST WOMAN, page 33, September, 1953; or *Roundtable*, August, 1953.

LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS

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Literature on Parade—1954 Materials

Adapted from a playlet by Mrs. Charlie J. Larsen

Reader: A mother leaving to give a lecture received a bit of advice from her three children. "Mother, be friendly." "Don't be too serious." "Don't forget your watch." We shall try to keep these three things in mind in presenting the well-dressed program.

The theme, "Life and Task of the Church Around the World" challenges the craftsmanship of the Church, and problems of Spanish-speaking Americans can be cumbersome if we forget the more encouraging aspects.

SCENE 1: *Women dressed in costumes of Asia, or Pacific Islands, carry* WHERE'ER THE SUN *or posters of books.*

Reader: Where'er the Sun, by Samuel H. Moffett, a book for youth and for adults to be used as a supplementary study, starts at the Pacific Date Line, touches Asia, the Pacific Islands, Africa, Europe, and the Americas. It is a book of surprising statistics, interesting people, challenging problems, and the elementary conclusion that the "Root disease, the disease that troubles the world is SIN, with Jesus Christ the only answer. Witness must join hands with service, and truth with love, so the weary sin-sick people may be brought to Christ—then 'Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run.'"

SCENE 2: *A sailor enters saying, "All ashore that's going ashore."*

Reader: The young people are below deck being briefed on the purpose of the voyage, customs of the people, and how to be Christian ambassadors.

A Ship Sets Sail, by Jean Fraser, includes brief discussions of major issues facing young people in all countries. The Third World Youth Conference of Christian Youth in Travancore, India, December 1952, concluded with these thoughts: "We belong to the Church, to the Body of Christ. We must learn to act as members of that Body.

> "'Go ye into all the world' is our ticket; 'So send I you' is our passport; 'Make disciples of all nations' is our visa. We have our traveling orders, and it is time to make our plans."

SCENE 3: *Women dressed as migrant and Filipina carry* THE CHURCH WE CANNOT SEE.

Reader: Next, *The Church We Cannot See,* by Nelle Morton. Junior Highs will enjoy this collection of true stories of real people. The Church you cannot see? Why—people, with Christ in their hearts.

In this book you will meet the Bakers, migrants traveling through Florida, North Carolina, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New York, over and over, year after year. You will see: an African village church, factory life along the Seine River, and a floating chapel; a Filipino village, Japanese people, and the American church that did not burn.

SCENE 4: *Women carry posters of books mentioned.*

Reader: Don't overlook the children's materials cut to size and age: *Many Hands in Many Lands; We Gather Together; The Round Window* and the Youth Guides for teachers. These are excellent for church school, daily vacation Bible school, and home reading.

SCENE 5: *Missionaries in national costumes.*

Reader: That the World May Know, by Charles W. Ranson, has patterns of the foreign missionary movement and their impact on world history. It is the approved foreign study. It is not the purpose of the book to present Christian faith merely as a counterpoise to communism. Dr. Ranson describes the Christian prospect in terms of Hope, based on an invincible fellowship—every church, a mission and every Christian, a missionary.

The chapter on "Unity in Missions" will challenge old methods and suggest some new ones.

SCENE 6: *Women in costumes of Scandinavian and European countries.*

Reader: Report from Christian Europe, by Stewart Winfield Herman, might be termed the impact of political trends on the Christian Church. Here we see patterns of socialism, state aid to churches, and other patterns that not only concern Europe, but already are hovering on the horizons of the U. S. A. "Therefore the state of the Christian Church in Europe is the business of Christians all over the world."

This is not hammock reading! You will not admire many of the designs you see here. The lines are sharp and lack the easy curves of lesser books, but stay with it! I defy you to read it and not think!

SCENE 7: *Nurse, teacher, missionaries.*

Reader: Leslie C. Sayre's book, *Where There Is Life,* will hearten you, for it pictures some of the tasks accomplished by the Church around the world.

SCENE 8: *Costumes of Old Spain grand dame; modern Spanish girl; migrant.*

Reader: The theme "Spanish-Speaking Americans in the U. S. A." gives us styles old and new—colorful and drab—but always interesting.

Within These Borders, by John R. Scotford, the approved home study. In a style sparkling with liveliness, you see the Conquistadores, Spanish pioneers, and their descendants that settled the Southwest—the wealthy, the well-to-do, the migrants, and the poor "wetbacks" who enter the United States illegally.

Their problems touch every state in the Union. Much has been accomplished, but there remains much to be done.

Reader: WHO, a successor to *NOW* and *HOW,* throws the spotlight on Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, descendants of Spanish settlers, and other Spanish-speaking people in the U. S. A. The children and you, too, will enjoy the children's books: *The Sercet Suitcase; New Friends for Nena;* and *Papi.*

SCENE 9: *Women hold up books.*

Reader: The Eagle Books, lively adventure stories, are musts for all age groups. For twenty cents each the classic stories of William Carey of India, Adoniram Judson, Albert Schweitzer, and others make inspiring reading.

SCENE 10: *Woman dressed as Jeremiah.*

Reader: Jeremiah is the Bible study. His words are just as challenging and important to the church today as in the long ago Bible days.

Secretary of Spiritual Life enters carrying Spiritual Life Packet, PRAYER CALENDAR, *Spiritual Life leaflets.*

Reader: There is a wealth of Stewardship and Spiritual Life materials. When read, they strengthen and fortify life.

SCENE 11: *Enter Deaconess with arm around young woman who staggers slightly. Deaconess talks earnestly in pantomime.*

Reader: Alcohol and Christian Responsibility is our Christian Social Relations study. The serious results of alcohol and other narcotics challenge our Christian purpose and stab us alert.

SCENE 12: *As a woman dressed for traveling walks across the platform, her train case flies open and field leaflets spill out.*

Reader: Your local literature table should wear these fliers. They are an easy way to travel—field leaflets from many lands.

SCENE 13: *Woman wearing dress of the '90's carries Program Material. Modern Miss enters. Takes Program Material and displays it.*

Reader: Are your programs up to date with the Program Materials or are you still living in the gay '90's?

SCENE 14: *Display magazines—*THE METHODIST WOMAN *and* WORLD OUTLOOK.

Song: (Sent by Mrs. L. S. Johnston, of Centre, Alabama. Tune: How Do You Do, Mrs. _____, How Do You Do?

What kind of magazines do you read?
Let me tell you of two that you need,
***Methodist Woman's* information,**
***World Outlook's* illustration.**
Two dollars and thirty cents is cheap indeed!
It's clever to know all the answers today,
These magazines for a year they will pay,
You will never get vexed—
For you'll know what's coming next.
I'm pleading for your subscription, don't delay!

Reader: For other styles—some new, some old—visit the literature room. Workshop conferences will display some interesting accessories and techniques that will give variety and appeal to these basic numbers. We hope this show leaves you in a 3-D mood: desire for study; devotion to duty; disciplined to action.

The Soil—Our Hearts

By LIDIA VARGAS

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HYMN: "O for a Heart to Praise My God." (*The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 370)

SCRIPTURE: Luke 8:4-15.

MEDITATION: How many mysteries we find in the generous life of the brown soil! Strength and vigor arise from its bosom, and year after year there are perfumes and songs of new life! Fertile in the flowered meadows and sterile on the arid plain; it follows the mountains to their heights or goes down into the deepest depths; sometimes covered by a carpet of flowers or thistles, and sometimes bristling with hawthorn or pines.

The fertile soil is like an artist with a palette in his hands, whose multicolored stripes beautify the fields, the flowers, and the ripening fruits.

How admirable is the sower, who from dawn to sunset digs the earth and removes its weeds! Then when he sees it is ready and seeded he goes away, allowing the soil to perform a miracle with the seeds which sleep in its bosom, giving them slowly but surely new life full of sap and color.

Jesus, the wonderful teacher, talked about the similarity between a well prepared, seeded soil and a human heart, in which the seed of the Good News constantly grows into a fruitful, spiritual life.

The Master, seated in front of the multitude, takes a handful of earth, asks them to look at the well prepared fields and helps them to feel the trembling of the earth when it receives the seed. It is like a sensitive mother giving the warmth of its bosom, and dreaming with the rain and the sun which will help it to grow full of strength and vigor.

The Master asks them to consider the different ways in which the earth receives the seed: if it falls on the road, the birds will eat it; if among the stones, their roots will have not the necessary depth, and the sun will burn it; if among thorns, it will be choked; but yes, he is sure, if he scatters the seed on the well prepared soil and if he, like a wide-awake sower, is constantly watching, the seed will be fruitful. His reward will be to see first the blade, then the ear, and then the ripened grain, and he exclaims, "Look at the yellow fields and see how ripe they are for the harvest!"

Are not our hearts like the soil? Sometimes hard, slow to believe; sometimes our feelings too superficial to retain and follow the wise counsels given by the Master Teacher? Or too many material thoughts and preoccupations choke the seed of the spiritual life? Or, are our hearts like the good soil, full of spiritual strength, ready to receive the Divine Word that brings about a true conversion and a complete consecration, giving fruit forty, sixty and even a hundred fold?

SOLO: "Give Me Thy Heart" (*Found in many gospel songbooks.*)

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus, help us to be on watch constantly, and grant that those who hear your Word come to be like the good soil, which receives it with eagerness and love. Grant that the sun of your Holy Spirit, and the rain of the Water of Life may help to give to the world growth for Christ, under the foliage of Peace and Love. We pray in Thy Name. Amen.

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS:

1. Giving is the center of our thinking this month, so make it the theme of the program under three headings:

a. MONEY. The treasurer refers to the financial report on pages 34-37 calling attention to the giving by your own conference. A woman in the circle speaks up and says, "But where does this money go? How is it used?" The secretary of Missionary Education replies by highlighting the articles, "Your Gift Makes a Difference," pages 4-5; "Alaska Calls," page 7; "Snapshots," page 31; and the article in WORLD OUTLOOK, "Where Cross the Crowded Ways."

b. MISSIONARY PERSONNEL. The secretary of Youth Work quickly follows with the thought that personnel is needed as well as money, and reviews the articles on page 30 and page 6.

c. MYSELF. The secretary of Spiritual Life recalls the last paragraph of the Meditation by Mrs. Vargas and urges the women to use the Epiphany Meditation on page 28. She closes the program with the following verses:

Christmas Gifts

The gifts have been carefully chosen
And wrapped to be sent here and there,
To kinfolk and friends just to show them
We remember; we love them; we care.

What gift shall we give our Lord Jesus?
If we asked Him his answer would be,
"Just a year full of good Christian living
Would be the most pleasing to me."

—*Claire Asher*

2. If the foregoing suggestion is too ambitious for your circle, then have a program on Christmas Around the World, using the articles on pages 9, 10; 13, 14, plus the picture section of WORLD OUTLOOK, "Christmas in the Philippines," and the Christmas poems in that magazine. The presentation could be in the form of a radio broadcast with a news commentator contacting the projects. The program could be interspersed with appropriate music.

3. Christmas Joy Quiz: Try a visual presentation. Use a child's block letters or make cardboard letters. As each question is answered have the letter hung on a cord or the block placed on a table to spell out the greeting. Close with carol singing.

1. Candles commemorating. . . . Explain.
2. Houchen Settlement; Harwood School. Locate.
3. Recruits. Where from? Where to?
4. "It must have been a live topic." Name it.
5. Study book for home missions. Give title.
6. Twelve issues before Congress. Name them.
7. Make Christmas Christian. How?
8. A spiritual climate in which to grow. Explain.
9. Snapshots. Explain and name projects.
10. January and February. Designated for what?
11. Order *what* from *where*?
12. Ybor City. Locate and name project.

FINANCIAL CONFERENCE REPORT FO

WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—BOAR

Henrietta Gibso

CONFERENCE INCOME ON APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS

Jurisdiction	Adult	W.S.G.	Paid on Pledge 1953-54	Total Pledged 1953-54	Youth	Children	Total on Appropriatio 1953-54
Central:							
Central Alabama	$ 15.76		$ 15.76	$ 1,000.00			$ 15.
Central West	208.20	$ 97.80	306.00	1,164.00	$ 42.50	$ 15.70	364.
Delaware	1,000.00		1,000.00	8,800.00		12.00	1,012.
East Tennessee	25.00	72.50	97.50	1,900.00			97.
Florida	225.00		225.00	900.00	2.00		227.
Lexington	2,090.00	227.51	2,317.51	6,500.00	210.00	4.00	2,531.
Louisiana	89.50	13.00	102.50	3,500.00	5.00		107.
Mississippi	25.00		25.00	3,000.00			25.
North Carolina	470.00	10.00	480.00	1,850.00	26.00	4.00	510.
Georgia				2,800.00			
South Carolina	875.00		875.00	3,500.00	23.00		898.
Southwest	102.40		102.40	1,000.00		3.00	105.
Tennessee	100.00	20.00	120.00	2,000.00	5.00	5.00	130.
Texas	702.00	48.00	750.00	3,000.00		9.00	759.
Upper Mississippi	50.00		50.00	700.00	85.14	11.00	146.
Washington	513.25	94.00	607.25	6,300.00	266.75	2.50	876.
West Texas	75.00		75.00	1,600.00			75.
Total	6,566.11	582.81	7,148.92	49,514.00	665.39	66.20	7,880.
North Central:							
South Dakota	2,366.76	21.50	2,388.26	33,000.00	919.80	16.97	3,325.
Detroit	11,348.72	443.56	11,792.28	134,000.00	1,918.67	78.06	13,789.
Illinois	32,863.52	1,162.96	34,026.48	171,000.00	2,147.91	412.62	36,587.
Indiana	18,938.54	1,028.41	19,966.95	113,500.00	1,492.50	312.39	21,771.
Iowa-Des Moines	12,482.29	190.10	12,672.39	112,500.00	3,106.53	68.11	15,847.
Michigan	6,191.76	703.39	6,895.15	98,000.00	1,344.32	130.79	8,370.
Minnesota	5,680.39	90.90	5,771.29	90,000.00	678.00	79.39	6,528.
North Dakota	950.42	26.00	976.42	30,000.00		53.39	1,029.
North Indiana	13,729.33	310.35	14,039.68	148,120.00	2,362.50	274.31	16,676.
North Iowa	13,171.28	297.22	13,468.50	149,000.00	3,098.09	205.07	16,771.
North-East Ohio	23,911.73	761.75	24,673.48	231,221.51	2,731.48	328.57	27,733.
Northwest Indiana	4,917.17	152.25	5,069.42	74,000.00	849.00	87.33	6,005.
Ohio	33,201.62	954.75	34,156.37	300,000.00	4,804.94	475.23	39,436.
Rock River	8,993.71	1,100.82	10,094.53	191,426.00	2,340.10	244.55	12,679.
Southern Illinois	9,356.38	1,087.31	10,443.69	59,820.00	322.63	126.88	10,893.
West Wisconsin	5,659.54	48.84	5,708.38	36,200.00	544.57	31.41	6,284.
Wisconsin	4,047.73	32.50	4,080.23	53,000.00	866.39	14.04	4,960.
Total	207,810.89	8,412.61	216,223.50	2,024,787.51	29,527.43	2,939.11	248,690.
Northeastern:							
Baltimore	13,203.74	99.50	13,303.24	120,000.00	4.50	145.71	13,453.
Central New York	4,633.61	165.00	4,798.61	52,500.00	359.50	40.20	5,198.
Central Pennsylvania	220.00		220.00	53,000.00			220.
Erie	9,238.38	83.64	9,322.02	80,000.00	458.83	158.14	9,938.
Genesee	4,757.11	56.85	4,813.96	70,000.00	548.50	30.97	5,393.
Maine	1,593.78		1,593.78	9,200.00	80.26		1,674.
New England	5,816.62	140.00	5,956.62	38,000.00		93.11	6,049.
New England Southern	2,096.01		2,096.01	24,500.00	297.83		2,393.
New Hampshire	766.61	30.00	796.61	7,820.00	70.87	1.70	869.
New Jersey	6,899.62	130.00	7,029.62	53,000.00	921.76	89.45	8,040.
New York	4,488.41	1,179.25	5,667.66	40,000.00	372.42	2.50	6,042.
New York East	9,441.95	583.80	10,025.75	56,250.00	386.91	29.00	10,441.
Newark	10,272.24	343.75	10,615.99	69,800.00	389.38	6.75	11,012.
Northern New York	2,626.91		2,626.91	31,000.00	169.75	11.11	2,807.
Peninsula	8,571.34	34.55	8,605.89	43,500.00	586.00	64.50	9,256.
Philadelphia	9,199.99	290.46	9,490.45	85,000.00	127.50	77.54	9,695.
Pittsburgh	15,408.80	322.32	15,731.12	96,000.00	184.40	222.13	16,137.
Puerto Rico Provisional				35.00			
Troy	8,202.93	186.05	8,388.98	56,000.00	224.33	80.70	8,694.
West Virginia	26,183.10	1,205.39	27,388.49	122,000.00	1,947.97	144.84	29,481.
Wyoming	17,688.90	310.56	17,999.46	50,000.00	1,292.00	25.90	19,317.
Total	161,310.05	5,161.12	166,471.17	1,157,605.00	8,422.71	1,224.25	176,118.
South Central:							
Central Kansas	14,738.89	480.28	15,219.17	164,670.00	1,309.77	233.45	16,762.
Central Texas	18,001.86	2,651.31	20,653.17	84,000.00	756.94	50.86	21,460.
East Oklahoma	10,097.08	1,061.48	11,158.56	68,250.00	1,100.67	74.13	12,333.
Indian Mission	90.15		90.15	1,020.00	16.18	3.43	109.
Kansas	4,660.60	156.20	4,816.80	97,000.00	665.31	159.73	5,641.
Little Rock	17,556.66	1,590.60	19,147.26	72,000.00		47.74	19,195.

IRST THREE MONTHS—1953-54

MISSIONS—THE METHODIST CHURCH

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DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

General ropriations	Conference Work	Total on Appropriations 1953-54	Total on Appropriations 1952-53	Week of Prayer (Including W.S.G.)	Cash for Supply Work	Supplementary Gifts	Cultivation ¼ of 1¢ Per Member	Bequests	Total Receipts
15.76		$ 15.76			$ 10.30				$ 26.06
364.20		364.20	$ 301.00		6.00				370.20
387.00	$ 625.00	1,012.00	1,117.23		10.00		$ 16.00		1,038.00
97.50		97.50	40.00						97.50
227.00		227.00	125.00						227.00
2,531.51		2,531.51	2,393.50		30.00				2,561.51
107.50		107.50	158.75		7.75				115.25
25.00		25.00	161.00						25.00
510.00		510.00	500.00		10.00		7.00		527.00
898.00		898.00	537.50						898.00
105.40		105.40			17.00				122.40
130.00		130.00	130.00		35.00				165.00
759.00		759.00	807.25		31.25	$ 7.50			797.75
146.14		146.14	6.00						146.14
876.50		876.50	714.12	$ 39.00	5.50				921.00
75.00		75.00	90.00		20.00				95.00
7,255.51	625.00	7,880.51	7,081.35	39.00	182.80	7.50	23.00		8,132.81
3,325.03		3,325.03	2,948.12		95.95				3,420.98
12,776.51	1,012.50	13,789.01	13,492.64		886.11	670.18	96.82		15,442.12
31,937.01	4,650.00	36,587.01	30,607.30	18.00	3,016.50			$ 3,000.76	42,622.27
21,021.84	750.00	21,771.84	21,294.95	12.00	1,061.18	181.65	73.27		23,099.94
13,917.04	1,929.99	15,847.03	584.91		659.30	135.00			16,641.33
8,370.26		8,370.26	9,020.52		509.15	868.94			9,748.35
6,330.02	228.66	6,528.68	5,339.03	19.16	634.34	124.77			7,306.95
1,029.81		1,029.81	1,428.46		182.00				1,211.81
16,676.49		16,676.49	15,045.08		1,045.37				17,721.86
15,931.84	839.82	16,771.66	16,148.94		561.89	15.00			17,348.55
25,133.55	2,599.98	27,733.53	11,839.53	109.66	792.01				28,635.20
6,005.75		6,005.75	5,349.58		266.28	792.53			7,064.56
39,361.54	75.00	39,436.54	27,544.45	6.52	2,235.50	305.23			41,983.79
11,900.02	779.16	12,679.18	8,903.40	24.46	1,903.65	190.10			14,797.39
10,393.20	500.00	10,893.20	11,245.91		1,817.84	1,176.00	25.00		13,912.04
6,284.36		6,284.36	3,969.98		267.60	200.00			6,751.96
4,960.66		4,960.66	4,971.26		90.50	66.75			5,117.91
235,324.93	13,365.11	248,690.04	189,734.06	189.80	16,025.17	4,726.15	195.09	3,000.76	272,827.01
10,228.45	3,225.00	13,453.45	15,821.04	6.00	771.22	526.83	83.00		14,840.50
5,198.31		5,198.31	5,482.57	28.75	122.38				5,849.44
220.00		220.00	1,974.61						220.00
8,189.00	1,749.99	9,938.99	7,545.59		404.10	685.00			11,028.09
4,833.43	560.00	5,393.43	4,110.06	5.69	370.32	877.00			6,646.44
1,674.04		1,674.04	1,689.22		10.00		15.88		1,699.92
4,083.07	1,966.66	6,049.73	5,809.77	5.00	764.00	315.16			7,133.89
1,393.84	1,000.00	2,393.84	2,022.66		67.00		19.00		2,479.84
869.18		869.18	700.77		63.31				932.49
6,665.84	1,374.99	8,040.83	6,669.40	36.90	481.14	7.50			8,566.37
6,042.58		6,042.58	3,776.37		330.00	15.00			6,387.58
9,304.16	1,137.50	10,441.66	12,974.38		696.85	115.00	41.13	2,000.00	13,294.64
10,112.12	900.00	11,012.12	11,313.29		396.47	85.00			11,493.59
2,807.77		2,807.77	1,472.44		68.54	80.90	27.15		2,984.36
7,341.40	1,914.99	9,256.39	11,218.24		443.79	143.47			9,843.65
6,762.17	2,933.32	9,695.49	9,656.69		565.08	677.22			10,937.79
12,662.65	3,475.00	16,137.65	16,450.72		579.89				16,717.54
			30.00		5.35				5.35
8,694.01		8,694.01	7,050.96	28.05	260.16	45.00			9,027.22
26,406.30	3,075.00	29,481.30	30,571.36	19.70	2,644.92		94.30		32,240.22
17,517.36	1,800.00	19,317.36	15,052.60	5.09	173.50				19,495.95
151,005.68	25,112.45	176,118.13	171,392.74	135.18	9,218.02	3,573.08	280.46	2,000.00	191,324.87
16,606.15	156.24	16,762.39	13,845.03	76.92	2,237.40	15.00			19,091.71
21,460.97		21,460.97	16,523.35		1,523.87	5.00	35.37		23,025.21
12,333.36		12,333.36	12,334.57	2.75	1,461.40	660.00			14,457.51
109.76		109.76	206.38		32.25				142.01
5,016.85	624.99	5,641.84	5,556.34		441.77				6,083.61
19,195.00		19,195.00	17,532.50		829.40	273.50			20,297.90

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WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—BOA

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Jurisdiction	CONFERENCE INCOME ON APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS						
	Adult	W.S.G.	Paid on Pledge 1953-54	Total Pledged 1953-54	Youth	Children	Total on Appropriati 1953-54
South Central (Continued):							
Louisiana	$ 11,457.10	$ 1,553.36	$ 13,010.46	$ 91,000.00	$ 1,062.05	$ 84.29	$ 14,156
Missouri	7,662.68	346.64	8,009.32	37,250.00	261.58	92.01	8,362
Nebraska	12,632.21	279.75	12,911.96	143,455.00	709.18	123.36	13,744
New Mexico	4,663.60	659.39	5,322.99	26,000.00	159.51	55.42	5,537
North Arkansas	10,570.74	2,162.50	12,733.24	52,000.00	254.96	11.80	13,000
North Texas	16,042.19	1,762.17	17,804.36	88,410.00	409.38	106.99	18,320
Northwest Texas	10,354.39	1,944.21	12,298.60	73,000.00	1,137.18	77.33	13,513
Rio Grande	162.00	57.85	219.85	1,175.00	39.00	3.00	261
St. Louis	14,383.26	1,823.74	16,207.00	68,500.00	348.17	98.33	16,653
Southwest Missouri	7,741.46	1,811.06	9,552.52	78,000.00	552.77	135.25	10,240
Southwest Texas	18,029.82	2,731.28	20,761.10	95,000.00	.....	330.15	21,091
Texas	27,210.68	3,499.43	30,710.11	125,000.00	1,891.16	244.28	32,845
West Oklahoma	14,046.46	1,366.40	15,412.86	84,000.00	2,063.17	100.34	17,576
Total	220,101.83	25,937.65	246,039.48	1,449,730.00	12,736.98	2,031.89	260,808
Southeastern:							
Alabama	14,291.36	1,918.56	16,209.92	80,000.00	.....	93.74	16,303
Cuba Mission	155.00	.....	155.00	58.00	.....	.....	155
Florida	31,447.10	2,483.98	33,931.08	115,000.00	2,548.85	88.66	36,568
Holston	27,052.08	2,956.40	30,008.48	84,000.00	956.81	153.55	31,118
Kentucky	11,660.00	1,540.73	13,200.73	53,000.00	839.69	59.17	14,099
Louisville	8,565.11	1,143.37	9,708.48	52,000.00	1,675.15	126.35	11,509
Memphis	14,930.08	3,078.40	18,008.48	72,000.00	710.21	62.02	18,780
Mississippi	7,614.63	2,205.78	9,820.41	65,500.00	646.41	27.97	10,494
North Alabama	17,188.67	2,600.81	19,789.48	80,000.00	1,489.58	76.74	21,355
North Carolina	23,642.14	2,654.84	26,296.98	111,850.00	1,082.91	225.45	27,605
North Georgia	32,026.98	6,226.00	38,252.98	135,000.00	1,262.84	207.50	39,723
North Mississippi	7,701.35	1,627.03	9,328.38	45,000.00	1,170.56	40.75	10,539
South Carolina	23,951.46	2,557.03	26,508.49	130,000.00	2,006.70	137.29	28,652
South Georgia	19,662.16	2,578.64	22,240.80	105,000.00	875.98	158.76	23,275
Tennessee	15,048.30	2,564.82	17,613.12	82,000.00	1,040.79	153.13	18,807
Virginia	38,011.67	3,211.12	41,222.79	160,000.00	1,993.64	250.00	43,466
Western North Carolina	26,358.83	3,743.25	30,102.08	120,000.00	3,552.32	141.44	33,795
Total	319,306.92	43,090.76	362,397.68	1,490,408.00	21,852.44	2,002.52	386,252
Western:							
Alaska Mission	.....	.....	.....	1,015.00	.....	.....	.....
California-Nevada	12,837.17	1,249.69	14,086.86	98,604.00	1,750.53	66.94	15,904
Colorado	5,200.86	142.87	5,343.73	46,000.00	244.07	55.77	5,643
Hawaii Mission	32.35	.....	32.35	1,500.00	55.90	.....	88
Idaho	2,448.12	200.00	2,648.12	14,200.00	223.04	8.35	2,879
Japanese Provisional	.....	.....	.....	150.00	.....	.....	.....
Latin American Provisional	.....	.....	.....	260.00	.....	.....	.....
Montana	2,817.24	11.70	2,828.94	16,000.00	762.94	73.56	3,665
Oregon	5,933.51	470.78	6,404.29	48,000.00	616.02	22.96	7,043
Pacific Northwest	7,504.37	411.30	7,915.67	60,000.00	741.17	29.98	8,686
Southern California-Arizona	32,791.70	1,208.00	33,999.70	225,000.00	2,183.76	187.92	36,371
Wyoming State	1,268.00	132.00	1,400.00	8,000.00	72.71	40.69	1,513
Total	70,833.32	3,826.34	74,659.66	518,729.00	6,650.14	486.17	81,795
Total from Conferences	985,929.12	87,011.29	1,072,940.41	6,690,773.51	79,855.09	8,750.14	1,161,545
Other Income for Appropriations:							
Deaconess Pensions	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enrolled Home Missionary Pension Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Home Missionary and Deaconess Temporary Disability Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Interest Income Allocated from Endowments and Restricted Funds	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous and Gifts for Appropriations	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Total	$985,929.12	$87,011.29	$1,072,940.41	$6,690,773.51	$79,855.09	$8,750.14	$1,161,545

RST THREE MONTHS—1953-54

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Write to the Treasurer of the Woman's Division, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., for the booklet describing the annuity plan.

DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

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14,156.80		$ 14,156.80	$ 13,417.11		$ 2,236.57	$ 451.00	$ 35.75		$ 16,880.12
8,362.91		8,362.91	7,577.93		414.85		30.16		8,807.92
11,819.52	$ 1,924.98	13,744.50	8,366.69		2,413.26	120.00			16,277.76
5,537.92		5,537.92	7,654.42		1,126.29		17.60		6,681.81
12,500.00	500.00	13,000.00	10,266.98		1,759.51				14,759.51
18,320.73		18,320.73	16,708.00		969.50	22.35	43.06		19,355.64
13,513.11		13,513.11	13,456.96	$ 13.70	2,198.64	450.00			16,175.45
261.85		261.85	244.87						261.85
16,653.50		16,653.50	16,059.92		1,752.48	336.49			18,742.47
10,240.54		10,240.54	6,656.82		871.31				11,111.85
21,091.25		21,091.25	21,494.52		2,477.45	155.00	44.15		23,767.85
32,845.55		32,845.55	28,603.94	6.30	4,254.09		60.55		37,166.49
17,576.37		17,576.37	14,786.22	59.78	2,555.64	65.80	43.14		20,300.73
257,602.14	3,206.21	260,808.35	231,292.55	159.45	29,555.68	2,554.14	309.78		293,387.40
16,303.66		16,303.66	15,840.50		1,752.74	1,182.00			19,238.40
155.00		155.00	25.00	315.06	53.50				523.56
36,568.59		36,568.39	40,144.19		2,439.07	486.64	100.00		39,594.30
28,868.84	2,250.00	31,118.84	40,841.58	213.46	3,008.23	5,662.32	71.54		40,074.39
14,099.59		14,099.59	11,378.76		1,256.40	50.00			15,405.99
11,509.98		11,509.98	9,293.52		1,154.91		27.37		12,692.26
18,780.71		18,780.71	18,230.79		1,012.96	155.00	45.00		19,993.67
10,494.79		10,494.79	9,651.60		661.78	524.00			11,680.57
21,355.80		21,355.80	17,523.78	11.75	1,512.56	755.00			23,635.11
27,605.34		27,605.34	26,319.40	23.86	2,491.29				30,120.49
39,723.32		39,723.32	31,853.81	37.15	2,559.00	798.97	70.00		43,188.44
10,539.69		10,539.69	10,142.13		1,334.43	115.39			11,989.51
28,652.48		28,652.48	26,950.70		2,708.40	505.00			31,865.88
23,275.54		23,275.54	25,414.22		2,800.94	2,078.56	54.90		28,209.94
15,907.06	2,899.98	18,807.04	17,835.56		1,527.20				20,334.24
43,091.43	375.00	43,466.43	35,148.61	72.05	3,378.06	3,606.00			50,522.54
33,795.84		33,795.84	29,607.83	25.64	11,496.60	1,225.00			46,543.08
390,727.66	5,524.98	386,252.64	366,201.98	698.97	41,148.07	17,143.88	368.81		445,612.37
			80.00						
15,304.33	600.00	15,904.33	12,013.30	48.11	1,206.81	55.00			17,214.25
4,743.57	900.00	5,643.57	4,574.29	15.35	311.75	120.00			6,090.67
88.25		88.25			167.66				255.91
2,879.51		2,879.51	2,338.70		61.65				2,941.16
			25.00						
			77.54						
3,215.44	450.00	3,665.44	1,027.20		217.90				3,883.34
6,418.28	624.99	7,043.27	4,103.51		403.75	300.00			7,747.02
8,461.82	225.00	8,686.82	6,569.28		298.03	191.76			9,176.61
28,921.39	7,449.99	36,371.38	32,844.02	2.00	2,024.20	8,807.91			42,205.49
1,513.40		1,513.40	1,055.80		21.60				1,535.00
71,545.99	10,249.98	81,795.97	64,708.64	65.46	4,713.35	4,474.67			91,049.45
103,461.91	58,083.73	1,161,545.64	1,030,411.32	1,287.86	100,843.09	32,479.42	1,177.14	$ 5,000.76	1,302,333.91
16,582.16		16,582.16	12,742.95						16,582.16
489.42		489.42	267.16						489.42
20.00		20.00	350.00						20.00
8,222.68		8,222.68	8,161.28						8,222.68
2,801.14		2,801.14	1,675.37						2,801.14
28,115.40		28,115.40	23,196.76						
131,577.31	$58,083.73	$1,189,661.04	$1,053,608.08	$1,287.86	$100,843.09	$32,479.42	$1,177.14	$5,000.76	$1,330,449.31

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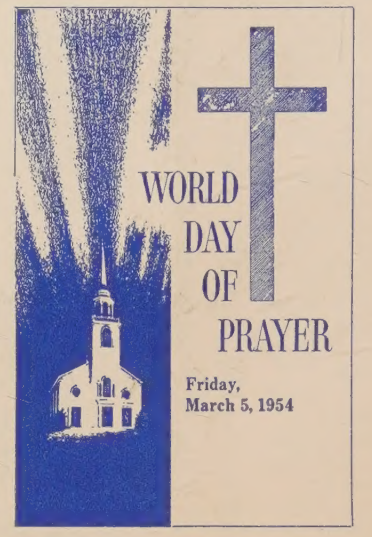

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